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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors Aberdeen Community Development District St. Johns County, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Aberdeen Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *Government Accounting Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Fort Pierce / Stuart



To the Board of Supervisors
Aberdeen Community Development District

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

### Required Supplementary Information

Governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by *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 in accordance with governmental auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated July 8, 2021 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts.

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

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank Certified Public Accountants PL

Fort Pierce, Florida

July 8, 2021

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

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

The **statement of net position** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Net position are reported in three categories; 1) net investment in capital assets, 2) restricted and 3) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

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

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

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

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

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government'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 statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide reconciliations to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

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

#### **Financial Highlights:**

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2020.

- The District's total assets and deferred outflows of resources were exceeded by total liabilities by \$(18,503,959) (net position). Net investment in capital assets was \$1,409,822. Unrestricted net position was \$(19,913,781).
- Governmental activities revenues totaled \$4,302,535 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$3,516,085.

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

# **Financial Analysis of the District**

The following schedule provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the District.

#### **Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
	2020	2019		
Current assets	\$ 783,982	\$ 839,605		
Prepaid bond insurance	238,267	-		
Restricted assets	2,731,845	4,964,096		
Capital assets, net of depreciation	4,310,932	4,183,776		
Total Assets	8,065,026	9,987,477		
Deferred outflows of resources	171,094			
Current liabilities	1,694,003	1,667,886		
Non-current liabilities	25,046,076	27,610,000		
Total Liabilities	26,740,079	29,277,886		
Net position - net investment in capital assets	1,409,822	897,502		
Net position-restricted	1,100,022	1,588,195		
Net position-unrestricted	(19,913,781)	(21,776,106)		
Total Net Position	\$ (18,503,959)	\$ (19,290,409)		

The decrease in restricted assets is related funds on hand used in the refunding of debt.

The increase in capital assets is due to depreciation being less than capital additions in the current year.

The decrease in non-current liabilities is related to the bond refunding in the current year.

The increase in net position is related to revenues in excess of expenses in the current year.

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

#### <u>Financial Analysis of the District</u> (Continued)

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position of the District.

#### **Change in Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
		2020		2019
Program Revenues	•			
Charges for services	\$	3,506,349	\$	4,795,323
Operating grants and contributions		749,005		2,133,095
General Revenues				
Investment earnings		37,219		105,395
Other revenues		9,962		14,173
Total Revenues		4,302,535		7,047,986
Expenses				
General government		189,968		207,993
Physical environment		727,024		567,192
Culture and recreation		463,222		478,335
Interest and other charges		2,135,871		1,827,221
Total Expenses		3,516,085		3,080,741
Change in Net Position		786,450		3,967,245
Net Position - Beginning of Year		(19,290,409)		(23,257,654)
Net Position - End of Year	\$	(18,503,959)	\$	(19,290,409)

The decrease in charges for services is primarily related to less prepayments in the current year.

The decrease in operating contributions is related to the decrease in impact fees collected.

The decrease in general government expenses is primarily related to decreased legal fees in the current year.

The increase in physical environment is related to the increase in various maintenance expenses in the current year.

The increase in interest and other charges is related to the issuance of a new refunding bond series in the current year.

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

#### **Capital Assets Activity**

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2020 and 2019.

	Governmental Activities				
Description	2020			2019	
Land	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	
Construction in progress		587,958		221,822	
Recreational facility and amenities		322,934		322,934	
Infrastructure		5,734,313		5,734,313	
Accumulated depreciation		(2,484,273)		(2,245,293)	
Total Capital Assets (Net)	\$	4,310,932	\$	4,183,776	

During the year, \$366,136 was added to construction in progress and depreciation was \$238,980.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The actual expenditures exceeded the budget primarily because contingency expenditures were less than anticipated.

The September 30, 2020 budget was amended for increased legal and contingency expenditures.

#### **Debt Management**

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- In October 2005, the District issued \$38,765,000 Series 2005 Special Assessment Bonds. These bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. The Series 2005 Bonds were paid off in the current year.
- In December 2006, the District issued \$8,170,000 Series 2006-1 Special Assessment Bonds. The bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. The Series 2006 Bonds were paid off in the current year.
- In November 2018, the District issued \$2,065,000 Series 2018 Special Assessment Bonds. These bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2020 was \$2,025,000.

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

### **Debt Management (Continued)**

• In May 2020, the District issued \$18,485,000 Series 2020A-1 Senior Special Assessment Revenue Refunding Bonds and \$4,890,000 Series 2020A-2 Subordinate Special Assessment Revenue Refunding Bonds. These bonds were issued to refund and redeem the Series 2005 Special Assessment Bonds. The balances outstanding at September 30, 2020 for the Series 2020A-1 and Series 2020A-2 Bonds were \$18,485,000 and \$4,890,000, respectively.

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

Aberdeen Community Development District does not expect any economic factors to have a significant effect on the financial position or the results of operations of the District in fiscal year 2021.

#### **Request for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Aberdeen Community Development District, c/o Governmental Management Services, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092.

# Aberdeen Community Development District STATEMENT OF NET POSITION September 30, 2020

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 220,577
Investments	498,468
Due from other governments	27,445
Prepaid expenses	37,492
Total Current Assets	783,982_
Non-Current Assets	
Prepaid bond insurance	238,267
Restricted assets	0 704 047
Investments	2,731,845
Capital assets, not being depreciated	450,000
Land	150,000
Construction in progress	587,958
Capital assets, being depreciated Infrastructure	E 724 212
Recreational facilities and amenities	5,734,313 322,934
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,484,273)
Total Non-Current Assets	7,281,044
Total Assets	8,065,026
Total Assets	0,003,020
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred amount on refunding	171,094
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	70,196
Contracts/retainage payable	172,136
Accrued interest	381,671
Bonds payable	1,070,000
Total Current Liabilities	1,694,003
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable	25,046,076
Total Liabilities	26,740,079
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,409,822
Unrestricted	(19,913,781)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (18,503,959)</u>

# Aberdeen Community Development District STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

				Proç Reve	ıram enues		R	et (Expense) evenues and Changes in let Position
		_		Charges for	-	ating Grants	G	overnmental
Functions/Programs		Expenses		Services	and C	ontributions		Activities
Primary government								
Governmental Activities	\$	(189,968)	\$	213,619	\$		\$	23,651
General government Physical environment	φ	(727,024)	φ	374,239	φ	237,608	φ	(115,177)
Culture and recreation		(463,222)		467,100		237,000		3,878
Interest and other charges		(2,135,871)		2,451,391		511,397		826,917
Total Governmental Activities	\$	(3,516,085)	\$	3,506,349	\$	749,005		739,269
Total Governmental / totallag	<u> </u>	(0,010,000)	<u> </u>	3,000,010		0,000	-	. 00,200
	Ge	neral Reven	ues					
	I	nvestment ea	rning	js .				37,219
	Ν	/liscellaneous	reve	enues				9,962
		Total G	enera	al Revenues				47,181
	Ch	anges in Net	Posi	tion				786,450
	Ne	t Position - O	ctobe	er 1, 2019				(19,290,409)
	Ne	t Position - Se	epter	mber 30, 2020			\$	(18,503,959)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# Aberdeen Community Development District BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS September 30, 2020

			Debt		Capital		Governmental	
	General		Service		Projects			Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	131,706	\$	-	\$	88,871	\$	220,577
Investments		179,708		-		318,760		498,468
Due from other governments		27,445		-		-		27,445
Prepaid expenses		37,492		-		-		37,492
Restricted assets								
Investments, at fair value		-	1,2	52,358		1,479,487	2	2,731,845
Total Assets	\$	376,351	\$ 1,2	52,358	\$	1,887,118	\$ :	3,515,827
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	32,394	\$	_	\$	37,802	\$	70,196
Contracts/retainage payable	Ψ	-	Ψ	_	Ψ	172,136	Ψ	172,136
Total Liabilities		32,394	-	_		209,938		242,332
Fund Balances:								
Nonspendable - prepaid expenses		37,492		-		-		37,492
Restricted - capital projects		-		-		1,307,331		1,307,331
Restricted - debt service		-	1,2	52,358		-		1,252,358
Assigned capital projects		-		-		369,849		369,849
Unassigned		306,465		-		-		306,465
Total Fund Balances		343,957	1,2	52,358		1,677,180	;	3,273,495
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	376,351	\$ 1,2	52,358	\$	1,887,118	\$ :	3,515,827

# Aberdeen Community Development District RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET POSTION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES September 30, 2020

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$	3,273,495
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets (land, \$150,000, construction in progress, \$587,958, recreational facilities and amenities, \$322,934, and infrastructure, \$5,734,313, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(2,484,273)) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported in the funds.		4,310,932
Prepaid bond insurance was recognized as an other debt service cost at the fund level in the year the debt was issued, however, at the government-wide level it is recognized as an asset an amortized over the life of the bonds.		238,267
Deferred outflows of resources are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.		171,094
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, \$(25,400,000), and bond premium, net, \$(716,076) are not due and payable in the current period and; therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(	(26,116,076)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a financial use and; therefore, is not reported in the funds.		(381,671)

\$ (18,503,959)

Net Position of Governmental Activities

# Aberdeen Community Development District STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

D.	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues	<b>#4.054.050</b>	<b>A</b> 0.454.004	•	Φ 0.500.040
Special assessments	\$1,054,958	\$ 2,451,391	\$ -	\$ 3,506,349
Impact fees	-	511,397	237,608	749,005
Investment earnings	208	20,404	16,607	37,219
Miscellaneous revenues	9,962	2,002,402	- 054.045	9,962
Total Revenues	1,065,128	2,983,192	254,215	4,302,535
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	189,968	-	-	189,968
Physical environment	332,805	-	220,465	553,270
Culture and recreation	415,386	-	-	415,386
Capital outlay	-	-	366,136	366,136
Debt service				
Principal	-	26,550,000	-	26,550,000
Interest	-	1,521,079	-	1,521,079
Other debt service	-	1,068,889	237,753	1,306,642
Total Expenditures	938,159	29,139,968	824,354	30,902,481
Excess of revenues over expenditures	126,969	(26,156,776)	(570,139)	(26,599,946)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Issuance of long-term debt	_	23,375,000	_	23,375,000
Bond premium	_	731,393	_	731,393
Insurance proceeds	_	-	17,390	17,390
Operating transfers in	_	_	100,373	100,373
Operating transfers out	(100,373)	-	, -	(100,373)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(100,373)	24,106,393	117,763	24,123,783
Net change in fund balances	26,596	(2,050,383)	(452,376)	(2,476,163)
Fund Balances - October 1, 2019	317,361	3,302,741	2,129,556	5,749,658
Fund Balances - September 30, 2020	\$ 343,957	\$ 1,252,358	\$1,677,180	\$ 3,273,495

# Aberdeen Community Development District RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ (2,476,163)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount that capital outlay, \$366,136, was	
more than depreciation, \$(238,980), in the current period.	127,156
The purchase of bond insurance is recorded as an other debt service cost at the fund le however, it is treated as a prepaid expense and amortized over the life of the bond at government-wide level.	•
The deferred amount on refunding is recorded as an other debt service cost at the fund level, however, it is treated as a deferred outflow of resources and amortized over the life of the bond at the government-wide level.	174,754
The issuance of long-term debt, \$(23,375,000) and bond premium, \$(731,393) are reflected as an other financing source, however, at the government-wide level these amounts increase liabilities.	(24,106,393)
Repayments of bond principal are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayments reduce long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	26,550,000
Deferred outflows of resources for refunding debt is recognized as a component of interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities, but not in the governmental funds. This is the amount of interest in the current year.	(3,660)
Amortization of prepaid bond insurance reported in the Statement of Activities does not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, is not reported as an expenditure at the fund level.	(5,097)
Amortization of bond premium reported in the Statement of Activities does not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, is not reported as an expenditure at the fund level.	15,317
The change in accrued interest on long-term liabilities is recorded in the Statement of Activities but not in the fund financial statements.	267,172
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 786,450

# Aberdeen Community Development District STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Original	Final		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$1,024,670	\$1,027,512	\$ 1,054,958	\$ 27,446
Investment earnings	1,000	208	208	-
Miscellaneous revenues	10,000	9,962	9,962	
Total Revenues	1,035,670	1,037,682	1,065,128	27,446
Expenditures Current				
General government	170,200	191,451	189,968	1,483
Physical environment	338,885	368,693	332,805	35,888
Culture and recreation	427,402	415,448	415,386	62
Total Expenditures	936,487	975,592	938,159	37,433
Excess of revenues over expenditures	99,183	62,090	126,969	64,879
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating transfers out	(100,373)	(100,373)	(100,373)	
Net change in fund balances	(1,190)	(38,283)	26,596	64,879
Fund Balances - October 1, 2019	1,190	38,283	317,361	279,078
Fund Balances - September 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 343,957	\$ 343,957

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### 1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on November 5, 2003, by administrative Rule 42NN-1 of the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, Florida, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing or re-constructing, enlarging or extending, equipping, operating and maintaining water management, bridges or culverts, district roads, landscaping, street lights and other basic infrastructure projects within or without the boundaries of the Aberdeen Community Development District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected for four year terms. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### a. Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

#### b. Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Governmental Funds**

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

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

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

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

Committed Fund Balance – This classification consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to the constraints imposed by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision making authority.

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

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

Fund Balance Spending Hierarchy – When restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are combined in a fund, qualified expenditures are paid first from restricted or committed fund balance, as appropriate, then assigned and finally unassigned fund balances.

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

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

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

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

## **Governmental Funds (Continued)**

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

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

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

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

#### 3. Basis of Presentation

#### a. Governmental Major Funds

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

<u>Debt Service Funds</u> – Accounts for debt service requirements to retire the special assessment bonds. The bond series are secured by a pledge of all available special assessment revenues in any fiscal year related to the improvements and a first lien on the special assessment revenues from the District lien on all acreage of benefited land.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – Accounts for construction of infrastructure improvements within the District.

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

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

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

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

## 4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity

#### a. Cash and Investments

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### b. Restricted Assets

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

#### c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, recreational amenities and infrastructure, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide statements.

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

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by utilizing the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the various classes of depreciable capital assets are as follows:

Infrastructure 30 years Recreational facilities and amenities 7-20 years

#### d. Budgets

Budgets are prepared and adopted after public hearings for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgets as it does for revenues and expenditures in its various funds. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. All budgeted appropriations lapse at year end. Formal budgets are adopted for the general and debt service funds.

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

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

#### e. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods. The District reported a deferred amount on refunding on the Statement of Net Position. A deferred amount on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

#### f. Unamortized Bond Premium

Bond premiums are presented on the government-wide financial statements. The premium is amortized over the life of the bonds. For financial reporting, the unamortized bond premium is netted with the applicable long-term debt.

# g. Prepaid Bond Insurance

Prepaid bond insurance associated with the issuance of refunding bonds are presented on the financial statements as a non-current asset and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

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

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

"Total fund balances" of the District's governmental funds, \$3,273,495, differs from "net position" of governmental activities, \$(18,503,959), reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

#### Capital related items

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

Land	\$ 150,000
Construction in progress	587,958
Infrastructure	5,734,313
Recreational facilities and amenities	322,934
Accumulated depreciation	 (2,484,273)
Total	\$ 4,310,932

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

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

## Prepaid bond insurance

Prepaid bond insurance is recognized as an asset at the government-wide level and amortized over the life of the long-term debt.

Prepaid bond insurance

\$ 238,267

### <u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>

Deferred outflows of resources applicable to the District's governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as fund deferred outflows of resources.

Deferred amount on refunding

\$ 171,094

### **Long-term debt transactions**

Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the Statement of Net Position.

Bonds payable	\$ (25,400,000)
Bond premium	(716,076)
Total	\$ (26,116,076)

#### **Accrued interest**

Accrued liabilities in the Statement of Net Position differ from the amount reported in governmental funds due to the accrued interest on bonds.

Accrued interest \$ (381,671)

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

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

The "net change in fund balances" for government funds, \$(2,476,163), differs from the "change in net position" for governmental activities, \$786,450, reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

#### **Capital related items**

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. The following is the amount of depreciation in excess of current year capital asset acquisitions:

Depreciation	\$ (238,980)
Capital asset acquisitions	 366,136
Total	\$ 127 156

#### **Long-term debt transactions**

The issuance of new long-term debt and repayments of bond principal are reported as an other financing source or expenditures at the fund level and, thus, have the effect of affecting fund balance because current financial resources have been provided or used.

Issuance of long term debt	<u>\$ (23,375,000)</u>
Bond premium	\$ (731,393)
Bond principal payments	\$ 26,550,000
Prepaid bond insurance	<u>\$ 243,364</u>
Deferred amount on refunding	<u>\$ 174,754</u>

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Decrease in accrued interest payable	<u>\$</u>	<u> 267,172</u>
Amortization reflected as interest	\$	6,560

#### NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

#### Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. The investment policy of the District follows the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2020, the District's bank balance was \$222,091 and the carrying value was \$220,577. The District controls its exposure to custodial credit risk because it maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

As of September 30, 2020, the District had the following investments and maturities.

Investment	Maturity	F	air Value	
U.S. Bank Managed Money Market First American Government	N/A	\$	179,708	
Obligation Fund Local Government Surplus Funds	44 days*		2,731,825	
Trust Fund (Florida Prime)  Total	48 days*	\$	318,780 3,230,313	

<sup>\*</sup> Weighted Average Maturity

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

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

Based on the criteria in the preceding paragraph, the investments in US Bank Managed Money Market and First American Government Obligation are Level 1 assets.

# NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Interest Rate Risk

The District monitors investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

#### Credit Risk

The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust is an authorized investment under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The District's investments in the state investment pool and government loans are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has monies invested with the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Fund), at September 30, 2020. This fund met the requirements of a "2a-7 like pool". As of September 30, 2020, the District's investment in the First American Government Obligation Fund and Local Government Surplus Funds were rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The investments in Local Government Surplus Funds Trust represents 10% of the District's total investments, 85% is in First American Government Obligation Fund Class Y, and 5% is in Managed Money Market Funds.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2020 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary. In addition, the District has the ability to hold investments to maturity which may have fair values less than cost. The District's investments are recorded at fair value.

#### **NOTE D - INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 were as follows:

		Transfer In		
	Capital P			
Transfer Out		Fund		
General Fund	(	\$ 100,373		

The interfund transfer relates to Capital Reserve Funding for the fiscal year.

#### NOTE E - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

Special assessment revenues recognized for the 2019-2020 fiscal year were levied in October 2019. All assessments are payable on November 1 or as soon as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. Per Section 197.162, Florida Statutes, discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Assessments paid in March are without discount. All unpaid assessments become delinquent as of April 1. Virtually all unpaid assessments that were on the assessment roll certified and delivered to the Tax Collector are collected via the sale of tax certificates on or prior to June 1. For certain parcels, the District bills and collects the annual assessments.

#### **NOTE F - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2019		Additions		Deletions		Se	Balance ptember 30, 2020
Governmental Activities:	•							
Capital assets, not being depreciated:								
Land	\$	150,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	150,000
Construction in progress		221,822	366,	136				587,958
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated		371,822	366,	136				737,958
Capital assets, being depreciated: Infrastructure Recreational facility and amenities Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated		5,734,313 322,934 6,057,247		- - -		- - -		5,734,313 322,934 6,057,247
Less accumulated depreciation for: Infrastructure Recreational facility and amenities		(2,082,600) (162,693)		836 <u>)</u>		- -		(2,273,744) (210,529)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(2,245,293)	(238,	980)				(2,484,273)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	\$	4,183,776	\$ 127,	156	\$		\$	4,310,932

Depreciation of \$191,144 was charged to physical environment and \$47,836 to culture and recreation during the year.

#### **NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of activity in the long-term debt of the District for the year ended September 30, 2020:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2019	\$ 28,575,000
Issuance of long-term debt	23,375,000
Principal payments	 (26,550,000)
Long-term debt at September 30, 2020	\$ 25,400,000
Plus: bond premium, net	 716,076
Bonds Payable, Net at September 30, 2020	\$ 26,116,076

#### NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

\$2,065,000 Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2018 due in annual principal installments beginning May 2020. Interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.50% is due May 1 and November 1 beginning May 2019. Current portion is \$40,000.

\$ 2,025,000

\$18,485,000 Series 2020A-1 Senior Special Assessment Revenue Refunding Bonds are due in annual principal installments beginning May 2021 maturing May 2036. Interest at various rates between 2.375% and 5% is due May and November beginning November 2020. Current portion is \$815,000.

18,485,000

\$4,890,000 Series 2020A-2 Subordinate Special Assessment Revenue Refunding Bonds are due in annual principal installments beginning May 2021 maturing May 2036. Interest at various rates between 4% and 4.75% is due May and November beginning November 2020. Current portion is \$215,000.

4,890,000

Bond Payable at September 30, 2020

\$ 25,400,000

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of long-term debt outstanding as of September 30, 2020 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Prin	ncipal	Interest	 Total
2020	\$ 1,	070,000	\$ 984,942	\$ 2,054,942
2021	1,	115,000	991,543	2,106,543
2022	1,	170,000	938,393	2,108,393
2023	1,	225,000	882,593	2,107,593
2024	1,:	285,000	824,143	2,109,143
2025-2029	7,	410,000	3,144,038	10,554,038
2030-2034	8,	890,000	1,667,600	10,557,600
2035-2039	2,	285,000	368,763	2,653,763
2040-2044		475,000	196,350	671,350
2045-2049		475,000	62,217	537,217
Totals	\$ 25,	400,000	\$ 10,060,582	\$ 35,460,582

#### NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

In May 2020, the District issued \$18,485,000 Series 2020A-1 Senior Special Assessment Revenue Refunding Bonds and \$4,890,000 Series 2020A-2 Subordinate Special Assessment Revenue Refunding Bonds, which retired the Series 2005 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds. The current refunding of the Series 2005 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds resulted in a deferred amount on refunding of \$174,754. As a result of this transaction, the District decreases its aggregate debt payment by \$4,563,842 over the next 16 years and realized an economic gain of approximately \$3,365,114.

#### Summary of Significant Bonds Resolution Terms and Covenants

The Series 2018 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2029 a price equal to the par amount of the Series 2018 Bonds thereof, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Series 2018 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

The Series 2020A-1 and Series 2020A-2 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time after May 1, 2030 a price equal to the par amount of the Series 2020A-1 and Series 2020A-2 Bonds thereof, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Series 2020A-1 and Series 2020A-2 Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

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

#### NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

#### **Depository Funds**

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

Reserve Fund – The Series 2018 and Series 2020A-2 Reserve Accounts were funded from the proceeds of the Series 2018 and Series 2020A-2 Bonds in amounts equal to 50% of the maximum annual debt service requirement for the Series 2018 and Series 2020A-2 Bonds. The reserve requirement for the Series 2020A-1 Bonds was met through bond insurance and a cash reserve of \$378,625 which is equal to the bond reserve requirement. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

	Reserve		Reserve	
	E	Balance		quirement
Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2018	\$	67,830	\$	67,830
Subordinate Special Assessment Revenue				
Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A-2	\$	218,250	\$	218,250

#### **NOTE H - 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. These risks are covered by commercial insurance from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

#### **NOTE I – MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Aberdeen Community Development District has contracted with a management company to perform management advisory services, which include financial and accounting advisory services. Certain employees of the management company also serve as officers (Board appointed non-voting positions) of the District. Under the agreement, the District compensates the management company for management, accounting, financial reporting, and other administrative costs.

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

To the Board of Supervisors Aberdeen Community Development District St. Johns County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Aberdeen Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 8, 2021.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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



Board of Supervisors Aberdeen Community Development District

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

# Purpose of this Report

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

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Fort Pierce, Florida

July 8, 2021

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#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors Aberdeen Community Development District St. Johns County, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of the Aberdeen Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated July 8, 2021.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

#### Other 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 Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professionals Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated July 8, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.

#### **Financial Condition and Management**

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Aberdeen Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Aberdeen Community Development District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1) Florida Statutes.



To the Board of Supervisors
Aberdeen Community Development District

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Aberdeen Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Aberdeen Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same as of September 30, 2020.

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

#### **Additional Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

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

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

To the Board of Supervisors Aberdeen Community Development District St. Johns County, Florida

We have examined Aberdeen Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for Aberdeen Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Aberdeen Community Development District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, Aberdeen Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2020.

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank Certified Public Accountants PL

Fort Pierce, Florida

July 8, 2021