



## SPECIAL DISTRICT (CDD) ELECTION PROCEDURES

### 1. Landowners' Meeting

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, it is required that an initial meeting of the Landowners of the District be held within ninety (90) days following the effective date of the rule or ordinance establishing the District and thereafter every two (2) years during the month of November for the purpose of electing Supervisors. The second election by Landowners shall be held on the first Tuesday in November; thereafter, there shall be an election of supervisors every two (2) years in November on a date established by the Board of Supervisors. The assembled Landowners shall organize by electing a Chairperson, who shall preside over the meeting; and a Secretary shall also be elected for recording purposes.

### 2. Establishment of Quorum

Any Landowner(s) present or voting by proxy shall constitute a quorum at the meeting of the Landowners.

### 3. Nomination of Candidates

At the meeting, the Chairperson shall call for nominations from the floor for Candidates for the Board of Supervisors. When there are no further nominations, the Chairperson shall close the floor for nominations. The names of each Candidate and the spelling of their names shall be announced. Nominees need not be present to be nominated.

### 4. Voting

Each Landowner shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each acre (or lot parcel), or any fraction thereof, of land owned by him or her in the District, for each open position on the Board. (For example, if there are three (3) positions open, an owner of one (1) acre or less (or one lot parcel) may cast one (1) vote for each of the three (3) positions. An owner of two (2) acres (or two lot parcels) may cast two (2) votes for each of the three (3) positions. Each Landowner shall be entitled to vote either in person or by a representative present with a lawful written proxy.

### 5. Registration for Casting Ballots

The registration process for the casting of ballots by Landowners or their representatives holding their proxies shall be as follows:

a) At the Landowners' Meeting and prior to the commencement of the first casting of ballots for a Board of Supervisor position, each Landowner, or their representative if proxies are being sub-mitted in lieu thereof, shall be directed to register their attendance and the total number of votes by acreage (or lot parcels) to which each claims to be entitled, with the elected Secretary of the meeting or the District's Manager.

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- b) At such registration, each Landowner, or their representative with a lawful proxy, shall be provided a numbered ballot for the Board of Supervisor position(s) open for election. A District representative will mark on the ballot the number of votes that such Landowner, or their representative, is registered to cast for each Board of Supervisor position open for election.
  - c) All Landowner proxies shall be collected at the time of registration and retained with the Official Records of the District for subsequent certification or verification, if required.

## 6. Casting of Ballots

Registration and the issuance of ballots shall cease once the Chairperson calls for the commencement of the casting of ballots for the election of a Board Supervisor(s) and thereafter no additional ballots shall be issued.

The Chairperson will declare that the Landowners, or their representatives, be requested to cast their ballots for the Board Supervisor(s). Once the ballots have been cast, the Chairperson will call for a collection of the ballots.

## 7. Counting of Ballots

Following the collection of ballots, the Secretary or District Manager shall be responsible for the tabulation of ballots in order to determine the total number of votes cast for each candidate that is seeking election.

At the second and subsequent landowner elections\*, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be declared by the Chairperson as elected to the Board of Supervisors for four-year terms. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will fill the remaining open position on the Board of Supervisors for a two-year term, as declared by the Chairperson.

\*At the final landowner election (*after the 6<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> year*), the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the Board of Supervisors for a four-year term (two {2} supervisors are elected by General Election).

## 8. Contesting of Election Results

Following the election and announcement of the votes, the Chairperson shall ask the Landowners present, or those representatives holding proxies for Landowners, whether they wish to contest the election results. If no contests are received, said election results shall thereupon be certified.

If there is a contest, the contest must be addressed to the Chairperson and thereupon the individual casting a ballot that is being contested will be required to provide proof of ownership of the acreage (or lot parcels) for which they voted at the election within five (5) business days of the Landowners' Meeting. The proof of ownership shall be submitted to the District Manager who will thereupon consult with the District's General Counsel and together they will review the material provided and will determine the legality of the contested ballot(s). Once the contests are resolved, the Chairperson shall reconvene the Landowners' Meeting and thereupon certify the election results.

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9. Recessing of the Landowners' Meeting

In the event there is a contest of a ballot or of the election, the Landowners' Meeting shall be recessed to a future time, date and location, at which time the election findings on the contest shall be reported in accordance with the procedure above and the newly elected Supervisor(s) shall thereupon take their Oath of Office.

10. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a) Each Landowner shall only be entitled to vote in person or by means of a representative attending in person and holding a lawful written proxy in order to cast said Landowner's votes.
- b) Proxies will not require that proof of acreage ownership be attached. Rather, proof of ownership must be provided timely by the holder of the proxy, if the proxy is contested in accordance with the procedure above.

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