

LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2024 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Hampton Inn & Suites - Homestead 1st Floor Conference Room (Cove Board Room) 2855 N.E. 9th Street Homestead, Florida 33033

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 28, 2024 6:30 p.m.

A.	Call to Order
B.	Proof of Publication
C.	Establish Quorum
D.	Additions or Deletions to Agenda
E.	Administer Oath of Office and Review New Board Member Duties and Responsibilities
F.	Election of Officers
	 Chairperson Vice Chairperson Secretary/Treasurer Assistant Secretaries
G.	Comments from the Public for Items Not on the Agenda
H.	Approval of Minutes
	1. December 5, 2023 Special Board Meeting
I.	Old Business
	1. Update Regarding Fence Extension Request (Julio Morales)
	2. Update Regarding No Trespassing Signs on Lake Banks
J.	New Business
	1. Discussion Regarding Landscape Maintenance Increase
	2. Consider Resolution No. 2024-01 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed BudgetPage 6
	3. Consider Resolution No. 2024-02 – Adopting an Electronic Signature Policy
	4. Discussion Regarding Required Ethics Training Memorandum
K.	Administrative & Operational Matters
	1. Announcement of Qualifying Period: Noon, June 10, 2024 – Noon, June 14, 2024 (Seats 3, 4, & 5)
L.	Board Member & Staff Closing Comments

M. Adjourn

MIAMI-DADE

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared GUILLERMO GARCIA, who on oath says that he or she is the DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, Legal Notices of the Miami Daily Business Review f/k/a Miami Review, of Miami-Dade County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement of Notice in the matter of

LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT -FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

in the XXXX Court,

was published in a newspaper by print in the issues of Miami Daily Business Review f/k/a Miami Review on

10/13/2023

Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

13 day of OCTOBER, A.D. 2023

(SEAL)
GUILLERMO GARCIA personally known to me

CHRISTINA LYNN RAVIX-DORLEANS
Commission # HH 332954
Expires November 19, 2026

LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Lake Frances Community Development District (the "District") will hold Regular Meetings in the Hampton Inn & Suites - Homestead, 1st Floor Conference Room (Cove Board Room) located at 2855 NE 9th Street, Homestead, Florida 33033 at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

> October 25, 2023 November 15, 2023 January 24, 2024 February 26, 2024 March 27, 2024 April 24, 2024 June 25, 2024 July 24, 2024 August 23, 2024 September 25, 2024

From time to time one or two Board members may participate by telephone, therefore, a speaker telephone will be present at the meeting location so that Board members may be fully informed of the discussions taking place. Said meeting(s) may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and such person may need to insure that a verbalim record of the proceedings is made at his or her own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at any of these meetings should contact the District Manager at <u>Inguirenthedelins.org</u> and/or toll free at 1-977-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the particular meeting.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time with no advertised notice.

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LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

District Manager Nancy Nguyen called the December 5, 2023, Special Board Meeting of the Lake Frances Community Development District (the "District") to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Hampton Inn & Suites – Homestead, 1st Floor Conference Room (Cove Board Room) located at 2855 NE 9th Street, Homestead, Florida 33033.

B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Ms. Nguyen presented proof of publication that notice of the Special Board Meeting had been published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on November 22, 2023, as legally required.

C. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Ms. Nguyen determined that the attendance of Chairman David Lumpkin, Vice Chairman Gabriel Pedrini, and Supervisors Nelson Peña, and Julio Morales constituted a quorum and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

Staff in attendance included: District Manager Nancy Nguyen of Special District Services, Inc.; and General Counsel Gregory George of Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A.

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Nguyen informed the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") that she would like to add the following item to the agenda:

• New Business Item 6. – Discussion Regarding No Trespassing Signs on Lake Banks

The Board acknowledged Ms. Nguyen's request.

E. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE AND REVIEW NEW BOARD MEMBER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Ms. Nguyen stated that she was contacted by Alberto Rodriguez, a qualified person, expressing his interest to serve on the Board. Ms. Nguyen stated that she invited Mr. Rodriguez to attend tonight's meeting. It was noted that Mr. Rodriguez was not attendance at tonight's meeting and this item was not needed at this time.

F. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was not needed at this time.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public for items not on the agenda.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing

Ms. Nguyen presented the minutes of the May 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing and asked if there were any changes. There being no changes, a **motion** was made by Mr. Lumpkin, seconded by Mr. Pedrini and unanimously passed approving the minutes of the May 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing minutes, as presented.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Staff Report, as Required

There was no staff report at this time.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2023-06 - Adopting a Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Amended Budget

Ms. Nguyen presented Resolution No. 2023-06, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET ("AMENDED BUDGET"), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 189, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Nguyen provided an explanation for the document. She indicated that there was an operating fund balance of approximately \$200,000 at the end of the fiscal year. A discussion ensued after which:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lumpkin, seconded by Mr. Peña and unanimously passed to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06, as presented, thereby setting the amended/revised budget for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

2. Consider Resolution No. 2023-07 - Adopting a Records Retention Policy

Ms. Nguyen presented Resolution No. 2023-07, entitled:

RESOLUTION 2023-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; DETERMINING THE ELECTRONIC RECORD TO BE THE OFFICIAL RECORD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Nguyen explained that this document provides that the electronic record shall be considered the official record and any paper originals are considered duplicates which may be disposed of unless required by any applicable statute, rule or ordinance, per section 668.50, Florida Statutes.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Peña, seconded by Mr. Pedrini and unanimously passed to approve Resolution No. 2023-07; thereby adopting a Records Retention Policy.

3. Discussion Regarding Fence Extension Request

Ms. Nguyen reminded the Board that Mr. Morales has previously expressed his desire to extend his fence. Ms. Nguyen asked Mr. Morales to provide the Board with an update on his permit request with Miami-Dade County (the "County"). Mr. Morales explained that he is still in the process of gathering all the necessary documents being requested by the County. He further explained that he will be in communication with Ms. Nguyen throughout his permit application process.

More information on this item will be provided as needed.

4. Discussion Regarding Required Ethics Training Memorandum

Mr. George explained that effective January 1, 2024, elected officers, such as the District Board Supervisors, will be required to complete four (4) hours of ethics training annually. He further explained that this requirement is noted on page 1 of the Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, which is completed annually by Board Supervisors. Mr. George recommended that this training requirement be completed by July 1 annually, so that the supervisor or officer can verify compliance with the required training on his or her Form 1. Additionally, if supervisors or officers assume office on or before March 31st, they must complete the ethics training by December 31st of each year the term begins; however, if the term starts after March 31st, the supervisor or officer is not required to complete the required ethics training until December 31st of the following year.

5. Discussion Regarding 2023 Legislative Update Memorandum

Mr. George provided the Board an explanation of the laws that pertain to the District. Mr. George informed the Board that if they have any questions regarding these new laws, they may contact his office or visit http://laws.flrules.org/.

6. ADD-ON: Discussion Regarding No Trespassing Sign on Lake Banks

Ms. Nguyen advised that she added this item at the request of Mr. Peña. Mr. Peña explained that when he first moved in to the District, there were No Trespassing/No Fishing/No Swimming signs along the lake. Mr. Peña explained his belief that having signs along the lake bank will deter loiterers. The consensus of the Board was to add two signs on the District's owned tract adjacent to Tract "B", which is owned by the County.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Peña, seconded by Mr. Morales and unanimously passed authorizing the installation of two signs at an amount not to exceed \$600.

K. AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. Ranking of Proposals/Consider Selection of an Auditor

Ms. Nguyen explained that at the October 28, 2020 District meeting, the selected Grau & Associates to perform the year end audits for the fiscal years ending 2020, 2021, and 2022 with an option to perform the 2023 and 2024 audits.

Ms. Nguyen stated that management is pleased with the services provided by Grau & Associates, and recommends that the Board approve the renewal option. A discussion ensued, after which:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lumpkin, seconded by Mr. Morales and unanimously passed to approve the renewal option with Grau & Associates to perform the audits for the fiscal years ending in 2023 and 2024 for \$3,200 and \$3,200, respectively.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

1. Staff Report, as Required

There was no staff report at this time.

M. BOARD MEMBER & STAFF CLOSING COMMENTS

Ms. Nguyen stated that unless an emergency were to arise, the Board would not need to meet until February 28, 2024.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Peña, secondo	€d
by Mr. Morales and unanimously passed adjourning the Regular Board Meeting at 7:24 p.m.	

Secretary/Assistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair	

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET AND NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Lake Frances Community Development District (the "District") is required by Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, to approve a Proposed Budget for each fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Proposed Budget including the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 has been prepared and considered by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, THAT:

Section 1. The Proposed Budget including the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is approved and adopted by the Board.

<u>Section 2</u>. A Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for <u>June 26, 2024</u> at <u>6:30 p.m.</u> in the Hampton Inn 1st Floor Conference Room (Cove Board Room) located at 2855 N.E. 9th Street, Homestead, Florida 33033, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

PASSED, ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE this <u>28th</u> day of <u>Feruary</u>, 2024.

ATTEST:	LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
By:	By:
Secretary/Assistant Se	cretary Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Lake Frances Community Development District

Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2024/2025 October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

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PROPOSED BUDGET

LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

REVENUES	FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET
Administrative Assessments	61,20
Maintenance Assessments	17,0
Debt Assessments	146,84
Other Revenues	112,2
Interest Income	72
Interest institut	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 225,85
EXPENDITURES	
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	
Aquatic Maintenance (Lake Tract)	3,60
Lawn & Landscape Maintenance	7,20
Engineering/Annual Report/Inspections	1,75
Field Operation Management	1,62
Maintenance Contingency	1,90
TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	\$ 16,07
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	
Supervisor Fees	3,00
Payroll Taxes (Employer)	23
Management	35,5
Legal	9,60
Assessment Roll	6,0
Audit Fees	3,21
Insurance	7,21
Legal Advertisements	1,81
Miscellaneous	8
Meeting Room Rental	90
Postage	22
Office Supplies	3
Dues & Subscriptions	1
Trustee Fee	4,0
Continuing Disclosure Fee	3;
Website Management	2,0
Administrative Contingency	1,21
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$ 76,65
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	76,03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 92,72
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ 133,13
Bond Payments	(138,03
BALANCE	\$ (4,89
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	(4,50
Discounts For Early Payments	(9,00
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ (18,40
Corrupter From Brier Voor	40.4
Carryover From Prior Year	18,40
NET EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$

DETAILED PROPOSED BUDGET

LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	
REVENUES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	COMMENTS
Administrative Assessments	61,407	61,242	61,202	Expenditures Less Interest & Carryover/.94
Maintenance Assessments	17,096	17,096	17,096	Expenditures/.94
Debt Assessments	146,841	146,840	146,840	Bond Payments/.94
Other Revenues	0	0	0	Other Revenues
Interest Income	8,273	480	720	Interest Projected At \$60 Per Month
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 233,617	\$ 225,658	\$ 225,858	
EXPENDITURES				
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES				
Aquatic Maintenance (Lake Tract)	2,490	3,600	3,600	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Lawn & Landscape Maintenance	6,600	7,200	7,200	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Engineering/Annual Report/Inspections	1,120	1,750	1,750	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Field Operation Management	1,620	1,620		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Maintenance Contingency	0	-,		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,830	\$ 16,070	\$ 16,070	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES				
Supervisor Fees	700	3,000	3 000	Supervisor Fees
Payroll Taxes (Employer)	54	230		Supervisor Fees * 7.65%
Management	33,492	34,488		CPI Adjustment (Capped At 3%)
Legal	7,327	9,600		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Assessment Roll	6,000	6,000		As Per Contract
Audit Fees	3,200	3,200	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Insurance	6,134	6,700		Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Expenditure Was \$6,594
Legal Advertisements	289	725		Costs Will Increase Due To Closing Of The Miami Business Review
Miscellaneous	574	900		\$25 Decrease From 2023/2024 Budget
Meeting Room Rental	593	900		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Postage	235	200		\$25 Increase From 2023/2024 Budget
Office Supplies	194	400		\$25 Decrease From 2023/2024 Budget
Dues & Subscriptions	175	175		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Trustee Fee	4,000	4,000		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Continuing Disclosure Fee	350	350		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Website Management	2,000	2,000		No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
Administrative Contingency	0			No Change From 2023/2024 Budget
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$ 65,317	\$ 74,068	\$ 76,650	The change from 2020/2021 Dawyor
		,		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 77,147	\$ 90,138	\$ 92,720	
REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	\$ 156,470	\$ 135,520	\$ 133,138	
Bond Payments	(139,762)	(138,030)	(138.030)	2025 Principal & Interest Payments
,	(155,152)	(100,000)	(133,530)	,
BALANCE	\$ 16,708	\$ (2,510)	\$ (4,892)	
County Appraiser & Tax Collector Fee	(2,165)	(4,503)	(4.502)	Two Percent Of Total Assessment Roll
Discounts For Early Payments	(8,692)	(9,007)	, , ,	Four Percent Of Total Assessment Roll
and the same of th	(3,532)	(5,561)	(0,000)	
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ 5,851	\$ (16,020)	\$ (18,400)	
,	1,252	, , . 	, ,, ,,	
Carryover From Prior Year	0	16,020	18,400	Carryover From Prior Year
NET EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ 5,851	\$ -	\$ -	

DETAILED PROPOSED DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET

LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025** OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	FISCAL YEAR	
	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	
REVENUES	ACTUAL	ANNUAL BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	COMMENTS
Interest Income	5,73	1 100	500	Projected Interest For FY 2024/2025
NAV Tax Collection	139,76	2 138,030	138,030	Maximum Debt Service Collection
Total Revenues	\$ 145,493	\$ 138,130	\$ 138,530	
EXPENDITURES				
Principal Payments	82,00	81,000	84,000	Principal Payment Due In 2025
Interest Payments	57,26	53,585	51,110	Interest Payments Due In 2025
Bond Redemption		3,545	3,420	Estimated Excess Debt Collections
Total Expenditures	\$ 139,260	\$ 138,130	\$ 138,530	
Excess/ (Shortfall)	\$ 6,233	\$ -	\$ -	

Series 2018 Bond Refunding Information

Original Par Amount =

\$1,812,000

Annual Principal Payments Due = Annual Interest Payments Due =

May 1st

Interest Rate = Issue Date =

3.00% - 4.00% February 2018

Maturity Date =

May 2037

Par Amount As Of 1/1/24 =

\$1,433,000

May 1st & November 1st

Lake Frances Community Development District Assessment Comparison

	Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Assessment		Fi	Fiscal Year		Fiscal Year		Fiscal Year		Fiscal Year		
					2	021/2022	2	022/2023	2	023/2024	2	024/2025
					Α	ssessment	Д	ssessment	Α	ssessment	Project	ed Assessment
	Befo	ore Discount*	Befo	ore Discount*	Befo	ore Discount*	Befo	ore Discount*	Befo	ore Discount*		
Administrative	\$	432.91	\$	432.87	\$	428.38	\$	428.27	\$	428.00		
Maintenance	\$	115.10	\$	115.10	\$	119.56	\$	119.56	\$	119.56		
<u>Debt</u>	\$	1,026.86	\$	1,026.86	\$	1,026.86	\$	1,026.86	\$	1,026.86		
Total	\$	1,574.87	\$	1,574.83	\$	1,574.80	\$	1,574.69	\$	1,574.42		

*	Assessments	Include	the	Following	:

Community Information:

Total Units 143

^{4%} Discount for Early Payments

^{1%} County Tax Collector Fee

^{1%} County Property Appraiser Fee

RESOLUTION 2024-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT **ESTABLISHING** AN**ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE** POLICY, **PROVIDING** DISTRICT MANAGER WITH AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROL PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE, INTEGRITY, AND SECURITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 688, FLORIDA **STATUTES:** AND **PROVIDING FOR** SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lake Frances Community Development District (the "District"), is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing in accordance with the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), created by Ordinance No. 06-155 of the City Commission of Miami, Florida enacted on October 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District regularly directs the District Manager of the District to execute and accept certain documents on behalf of the District and it is customary for certain documents to be transmitted via electronic means endorsed with electronic signatures; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, the District is responsible for adopting and implementing control processes and procedures to ensure adequate integrity, security, confidentiality, and auditability of business transactions conducted using electronic commerce; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interest of the District to enact a policy pertaining to the use and receipt of electronic signatures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as findings of fact of the District Board of Supervisors.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Board of Supervisors of the Lake Frances Community Development District hereby establishes and adopts the "Electronic Signature Policy," as follows:

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE POLICY

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purpose of this policy is to establish and identify the criteria and requirements for the use and validation of electronic signatures on documents on behalf of and for District business in accordance with Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, "Electronic Signature Act".

DEFINITIONS:

<u>Electronic</u> means technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar capabilities.

<u>Electronic record</u> means a record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

<u>Electronic signature</u> means any letters, characters, or symbols, manifested by electronic or similar means, or logically associated with a record and that is executed or adopted with the intent to sign the record.

<u>Electronic transaction</u> means a transaction that is conducted or performed, in whole or in part, by electronic means or electronic records.

<u>Record</u> means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and that is retrievable in perceivable form.

<u>POLICY</u>: This policy applies to any Electronic transaction that is a replacement for or complement to handwritten signatures on any record of or for the District, including, but not limited to, contracts, agreements, official minutes, bids, proposals and resolutions. Any Electronic record or Electronic signature may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because the record or signature is in electronic form. This policy does not limit the District's right or option to require original signatures or Records in a non-electronic format as the District deems necessary or as required by appliable policies, laws or regulations.

<u>PROCEDURE</u>: When a document containing an Electronic signature is signed, transmitted and received the following requirements must be met:

- 1. The Electronic signature must establish sender/user authenticity. The electronic signing of a document by an individual must be accompanied by documentation that shows that the signer is the individual signing the document and the individual that has the authority to bind the entity entering into an agreement or contract with the District.
- 2. If a document has been modified or changed, the prior Electronic signature is invalid and said document requires another Electronic signature or shall be signed by hand. This is to prevent any issue that a document has been changed after it is signed.

- 3. The District Manager, or his or her designee, has the authority and responsibility for approval of any Electronic signature method utilized and shall be responsible for the implementation of control processes and procedures to ensure adequate integrity, security, confidentiality, and auditability of District business transactions conducted using electronic methods.
- 4. The Electronic signature shall include the entire name of the individual and shall be located on or near the signature block on the document being electronically signed.
- 5. The date of the Electronic signature must be captured, stored, and available for retrieval for the required retention period of the document executed.
- 6. The Electronic record must be transmitted to all parties in a format acceptable to the District Manager, or his or her designee.
- <u>Section 3</u>. The District Manager is hereby directed to take all actions necessary and consistent with the intent of this Resolution.
- **Section 4.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 5. If any clause, section or other part or application of this Resolution is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, in part or as applied, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 6. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

LAKE FRANCES COMMUNITY

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the District Board of Supervisors, this 28th day of February, 2024.

	DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	
Secretary / Assistant Secretary	Chair / Vice Chair	-

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Manager

FROM: Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A.

District Counsel

DATE: January 19, 2024

RE: Required Ethics Training and Financial Disclosure

Ethics Training

This memorandum serves as a reminder that beginning January 1, 2024, elected and appointed commissioners of community redevelopment agencies and local officers of independent special districts are required to complete four (4) hours of ethics training annually. The training must address, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the Florida Constitution (ethics for public officers and financial disclosure), the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the Florida Public Records Law and Open Meetings laws.

Deadlines & Recordkeeping

The deadline to complete training for this calendar year is December 31, 2024. There is no requirement to submit proof that you have completed the training. However, the Florida Commission on Ethics recommends that Supervisors maintain a record of all completed trainings, including the date and time of completion. This documentation may be useful if Supervisors are ever required to provide evidence of training completion. The training is a calendar year requirement and corresponds to the form year. Therefore, Supervisors will report their 2024 training when filling out their Form 1 for the 2025 year.

Links to Online Training

<u>Public Meetings and Public Records Law (2-Hour Audio Presentation)</u>. This presentation is audio only and is offered by the Office of the Attorney General. This presentation covers public records and Florida public records law. The presentation can be accessed for free. Completing this presentation will satisfy 2 of the 4 hours of required ethics training.

State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers. This training is presented by the Florida Commission on Ethics. The training is an overview of Florida's Ethics Code (Part III, Chapter 112, and Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution) geared toward Constitutional Officers and Elected Municipal Officers. Topics covered include gifts, voting conflict, misuse of office, prohibited business relationships, conflicting employment relationships, revolving door, and Amendment 12. This presentation can be accessed for free. Completing this training will satisfy 2 of the 4 hours of required ethics training.

<u>State-Mandated Continuing Education in Ethics.</u> This class is presented by the Florida League of Cities. The class covers Chapter 112 of Florida's Ethics Code (2 Hours) and Florida Public Records and Public Meetings Law (2 Hours). To take this class, you must register for it, however there is no registration fee. Completing this class will meet your ethics training requirement.

<u>"4-Hour Ethics Course"</u>. The "4-Hour Ethics Course" is available online and presented by the Florida Institute of Government. There are three sessions. Session 1 covers Florida's Public Records Laws (1 hour), session 2 covers Florida Government in the Sunshine Law (1 hour), and session 3 covers Florida's Ethics Laws (2 hours). The registration fee is \$79. Completing this entire course will meet your ethics training requirement.

Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics for Public Officers and Public Employees 2023. This seminar is offered by the Florida Bar. This seminar covers sunshine law and public records; true stories of excess corruption in the ethics world; navigating Florida public records law, privacy, ethics and social media; complaints, misuse, anti-nepotism and voting; ethics during and after public service: conflicting contractual relationships & revolving door restrictions; gifts bribes, honoraria, and expenditures. The cost for this seminar is \$280. Completing this entire seminar will meet your ethics training requirement. Those Supervisors or Officers who are members of the Florida Bar may wish to purchase this option as Continuing Legal Education Credits can be earned.

We will notify you directly or through the District Manager's office if and when other training opportunities become available.

Form 1 or Form 6

Section 8, Article II of the Florida Constitution requires constitutional officers and certain elected public officials to file a Form 6. In the last session, the legislature expanded the requirements to include *elected members of municipalities*. Independent special district officials remain exempt from the requirement to file a Form 6. Elected and appointed commissioners of community redevelopment agencies and local officers of independent special districts (including community development districts) are required to file Form 1.

For this year's filing requirement, a completed Form 1 must be submitted prior to July 1, 2024 using the Electronic Filing System of the Florida Commission on Ethics, which can be accessed via the link at <u>Login - Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (floridaethics.gov)</u>. You will no longer be able to file your completed Form 1 through your local Supervisor of Elections office.

If you have any questions or need additional information about ethics training requirements or financial disclosure, please do not hesitate to contact our office.