## INDEPENDENCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

August 5, 2025

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA

# AGENDA LETTER

## Independence Community Development District OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W • Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Phone: (561) 571-0010 • Toll-free: (877) 276-0889 • Fax: (561) 571-0013

July 29, 2025

#### **ATTENDEES:**

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

Board of Supervisors Independence Community Development District

#### Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Independence Community Development District will hold a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting on August 5, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. (Central Time), at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 125 Cracker Barrel Road, Crestview, Florida 32536-2230. The agenda is as follows:

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Acceptance of Resignation of Robert Isakson
- 4. Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 5; Term Expires November 2026
  - Administration of Oath of Office to Appointed Supervisor (the following will be provided under separate cover)
  - A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
    - Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
  - B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
  - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
  - D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers
- 5. Consideration of Resolution 2025-05, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
- 6. Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget
  - A. Affidavit of Publication
  - B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-06, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date
- 7. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Funding Agreement

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- 8. Consideration of Goals and Objectives Reporting FY2026 [HB7013 Special Districts Performance Measures and Standards Reporting]
  - Authorization of Chair to Approve Findings Related to 2025 Goals and Objectives Reporting
- 9. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2025
- 10. Approval of Minutes
  - A. August 5, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
  - B. June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 11. Staff Reports
  - A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP
  - B. District Engineer: Avcon, Inc.
  - C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
    - Property Insurance on Vertical Assets
    - Form 1 Submission and Ethics Training
    - Hard Copy Agendas vs Tablets
    - NEXT MEETING DATE: October 7, 2025 at 2:30 PM (Central Time)
      - QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	MATT HOWELL	☐ In Person	PHONE	□No
SEAT 2	JASON EAVES	☐ IN PERSON	PHONE	□No
SEAT 3	SOPHIE SUMNER	☐ In Person	PHONE	☐ No
SEAT 4	KRISTEN MILLER	IN PERSON	PHONE	☐ No
SEAT 5		☐ In Person	PHONE	☐ No

- 12. Board Members' Comments/Requests
- 13. Public Comments
- 14. Adjournment

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (561) 346-5294 or Chris Conti at (724) 971-8827.

Sincerely,

Cindy Cerbone
Cindy Cerbone
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094
PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 885 847 3683

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## NOTICE OF TENDER OF RESIGNATION

To:

**Board of Supervisors** 

Independence Community Development District

Attn: Cindy Cerbone, District Manager

2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431

From:

Robert ISAKSON Printed Name

Date:

7/15/2025

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Independence Community Development District. My tendered resignation will be deemed to be effective as of the time a quorum of the remaining members of the Board of Supervisors accept it at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

I certify that this Notice of Tender of Resignation has been executed by me and [] personally presented at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Supervisors, [x] scanned and electronically transmitted to gillyardd@whhassociates.com or [] faxed to 561-S71-0013 and agree that the executed original shall be binding and enforceable and the fax or email copy shall be binding and enforceable as an original.

## INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OATH OF OFFICE

MAILING ADDRESS:  Home  Street	Commission No.:	
	Print Name:	Expires:
(NOTARY SEAL)	Print Name:	
(NOTARY SEAL)	·	
(NOTARY SEAL)	Notary Public, State of I	Florida
(NOTARY SEAL)		
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known to me or has produced described in and who took the afo	orementioned oath as a Me elopment District and ackr	as identification, and is the person mber of the Board of Supervisors o nowledged to and before me tha
presence or $\Box$ online notariz	ation on this day	refore me by means of $\square$ physical of, 202, by peared before me, and is personally
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Board Supervisor		
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## **RESOLUTION 2025-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING AND REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Independence Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Supervisors desires to elect and remove Officers of the District.

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

	The following is/are elected as Officer(s) of the District effecti	
		is elected Chair
		is elected Vice Chair
		is elected Assistant Secretary
		is elected Assistant Secretary
		is elected Assistant Secretary
ECTION 2.	The following O	fficer(s) shall be removed as Officer(s) as of August 5, 2025:
Robert Isakso	on	Chair
		E <b>CTION 2.</b> The following O

SECTION 3.	The following prior	appointments	by the Board	l remain	unaffected	by this
Resolution:						

Craig V	Vrathell	is Secretary	
_ Cindy (	Cerbone	is Assistant Se	cretary
Chris C	Conti	_ Is Assistant Se	cretary
Craig V	Vrathell	is Treasurer	
Jeff Pir	nder	is Assistant Tr	easurer
PASSED	AND ADOPTED this 5t	h day of August	., 2025.
ATTEST:			NDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Secretary/Assis	stant Secretary	C	hair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Daphne Gillyard Independence CDD 2300 Glades RD # 401W Boca Raton FL 33431-7386

## STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF BROWN

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared, who on oath says that he or she is the Legal Coordinator of the Northwest Florida Daily News, published in Okaloosa County, Florida; with circulation in Okaloosa and Walton Counties; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Public Notices, was published on the publicly accessible website of Okaloosa and Walton Counties, Florida, or in a newspaper by print in the issues of, on:

07/10/2025, 07/17/2025

Affiant further says that the website or n	ewspaper complies
with all legal requirements for publication	n in chapter 50,

Florida Statutes.

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INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRIC
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION
OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026
PROPOSED BUDGET(S); AND
NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.
The Board of Supervisors ("Board")
of the Independence Community
Development District ("District")
will hold a public hearing and regular meeting as follows:
DATE: August 5, 2025
TIME: 2:30 P.M., Central Time
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express &
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125 Cracker Barrel Road,
Crestvlew, Florida 32536

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments and objections on the adoption of the District's proposed budget(s) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 ("Proposed Budget"). A regular 8007 meeting of the District will also be held at the above time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the Ogenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 419W, Boca Roton, Florida 3431, Pt. (561) 571-0100 ("District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 419W, Boca Roton, Florida 3431, Pt. (561) 571-0100 ("District Manager"s Office"), during normal business hours, or by visiting the District's website.

https://independencedd.npt/.

The public hearing and meeting are open to the public and meeting are open to the public not will be confuned in progress to a date, time certain, and place to be specified on the record at the public hearing and/or meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephane.

Any person requiring special accommodotions at the public hearing or hydrical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forfy-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing and meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by disting 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-877 (Volce), for ald in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Each person who decides to oppeal in southern and the public hearing and meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by disting 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-877 (Volce), for ald in contacting the District Manager's Office.

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KAITLYN FELTY Notary Public State of Wisconsin

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## RESOLUTION 2025-06 [FY 2026 APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION]

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET(S) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 ("FY 2026"), the District Manager prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Independence Community Development District ("District") prior to June 15, 2025, proposed budget(s) ("Proposed Budget") along with an explanatory and complete financial plan for each fund of the District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the Proposed Budget, the District filed a copy of the Proposed Budget with the local general-purpose government(s) having jurisdiction over the area included in the District pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(b), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board set a public hearing on the Proposed Budget and caused notice of such public hearing to be given by publication pursuant to Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager will post the Proposed Budget on the District's website in accordance with Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, requires that, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Board, by passage of the Annual Appropriation Resolution, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate such sums of money as the Board deems necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during the ensuing fiscal year.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

#### SECTION 1. BUDGET

a. The Proposed Budget, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, as amended by the Board, is hereby adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 190.008(2)(a), *Florida Statutes* ("**Adopted Budget**"), and incorporated herein by reference; provided, however, that the comparative figures contained in the Adopted Budget may be subsequently revised as deemed necessary by the District Manager to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.

- b. The Adopted Budget, as amended, shall be maintained in the office of the District Manager and at the District's Local Records Office and identified as "The Budget for the Independence Community Development District for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026."
- c. The Adopted Budget shall be posted by the District Manager on the District's official website in accordance with Chapter 189, *Florida Statutes* and shall remain on the website for at least two (2) years.

#### SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS

There is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the District, for FY 2026, the sum(s) set forth in **Exhibit A** to be raised by the levy of assessments and/or otherwise, which sum is deemed by the Board to be necessary to defray all expenditures of the District during said budget year, to be divided and appropriated as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

## SECTION 3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District at any time within FY 2026 or within 60 days following the end of the FY 2026 may amend its Adopted Budget for that fiscal year as follows:

- a. A line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund may be decreased or increased by motion of the Board recorded in the minutes, and approving the expenditure, if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase.
- b. The District Manager or Treasurer may approve an expenditure that would increase or decrease a line-item appropriation for expenditures within a fund if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase and if either (i) the aggregate change in the original appropriation item does not exceed the greater of \$15,000 or 15% of the original appropriation, or (ii) such expenditure is authorized by separate disbursement or spending resolution.
- c. Any other budget amendments shall be adopted by resolution and consistent with Florida law. The District Manager or Treasurer must ensure that any amendments to the budget under this paragraph c. are posted on the District's website in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, and remain on the website for at least two (2) years.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

## **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of August, 2025.

ATTEST:		INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
Secretary/A	ssistant Secretary	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		
Exhibit A:	FY 2026 Budget			

Exhibit A: FY 2026 Budget

# INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026

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## INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026

	Fiscal Year 2025				
	Adopted	Actual	Projected	Total	Proposed
	Budget	through	through	Actual &	Budget
	FY 2025	03/31/25	9/30/2025	Projected	FY 2026
REVENUES					
Landowner contribution	\$ 98,790	\$14,671	\$ 54,928	\$ 69,599	\$ 83,140
Total revenues	98,790	14,671	54,928	69,599	83,140
EVDENDITUDES					
EXPENDITURES Professional & administrative					
	48,000	12 000	12,000	24,000	32,000
Management/accounting/recording**	25,000	12,000	25,000		
Legal		-		25,000	25,000
Engineering Audit	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
	5,500 500	-	5,500 500	5,500 500	5,500
Arbitrage rebate calculation*		-	500	500	500
Dissemination agent*	1,000	-	-	-	250
EMMA software service*	1,000	-	-	-	-
Trustee*	5,500	400	400	200	-
Telephone	200 500	100	100 489	200	200 500
Postage		11	489 250	500	500 500
Printing & binding	500	250		500	
Legal advertising	1,750	475	1,750	1,750	7,500
Annual special district fee	175	175	-	175	175
Insurance	5,500	5,200	4 000	5,200	6,350
Contingencies/bank charges	750 705	537	1,200	1,737	1,750
Website hosting & maintenance	705	-	705	705	705
Website ADA compliance	210	210	40.404	210	210
Total expenditures	98,790	18,483	49,494	67,977	83,140
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues					
over/(under) expenditures	_	(3,812)	5,434	1,622	_
over/(under) experializates		(0,012)	0, 10 1	1,022	
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	_	(1,622)	(5,434)	(1,622)	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)		· · · · · ·		, ,	
Assigned					
Working capital	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	(5,434)	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ -	\$ (5,434)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

<sup>\*</sup> These items will be realized when bonds are issued

<sup>\*\*</sup> WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

## INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

## EXPENDITURES Professional & ad

Professional & administrative	
Management/accounting/recording**	\$ 32,000
Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community	
development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of	
professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements.	
WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond	
financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.	
Legal	25,000
General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts.	
Engineering	2,000
The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the	2,000
District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities.	
Audit	5,500
Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures.	,
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	500
To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are	
necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability.	
Dissemination agent*	250
The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent.	
Telephone	200
Telephone and fax machine.	200
·	500
Postage  Mailing of agonda packages, evernight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	500
Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.	500
Printing & binding	500
Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages	7 500
Legal advertising  The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public	7,500
bids, etc.	
	475
Annual special district fee	175
Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.	6.250
Insurance  The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance	6,350
The District will obtain public officials and general liability insurance.	4 750
Contingencies/bank charges	1,750
Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated AP routing etc.	
Website hosting & maintenance	705
Website ADA compliance	210
Total expenditures	\$ 83,140
* These items will be realized when bonds are issued.	

\*\* WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

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## BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2026

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into effective as of October 1, 2025, by and between:

**Independence Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, ("**District**") and located in Okaloosa County, Florida ("**County**"), and

**D.R. Horton, Inc.,** a Delaware corporation and the owner and/or developer of property located within the boundaries of the District, and

**68 Ventures, LLC**, a limited liability company and the owner and/or developer of property located within the boundaries of the District (and together with D.R. Horton, Inc., the "Developers").

For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**Property**" shall refer to that certain property within the CDD owned by the Developers on the Effective Date of this Agreement .

#### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure, and is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees, and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, the Developers presently own and/or are developing the Property within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities, and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026 ("FY 2026"), the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the District adopted its general fund budget ("Budget") attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developers and District (together, the "Parties") recognize the Budget may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all lands within the District benefitting from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Budget, including the Property, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of levying assessments on the Property, the Developers are willing to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations as described in the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developers agree that the activities, operations and services provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs reflected in the Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Developers agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy and collect any non-ad valorem assessments as authorized by law against the lands within the District, including the Property, for the activities, operations, and services set forth in the Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Developers and District agree such Budget funding obligation by the Developers may be secured and collection enforced pursuant to the methods provided herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- **Doligation** The Developers agree to make available to the District the monies ("**Funding Obligation**") necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A** within thirty (30) days of written request by the District. The Developers acknowledge that the Funding Obligation will be shared among them as follows: fifty percent (50%) by D.R. Horton, Inc. and fifty percent (50%) by 68 Ventures, LLC. **Exhibit A** attached hereto may be amended from time to time pursuant to Florida law, subject to the Developers' consent to such amendments to incorporate them herein; provided however, that amendments adopted by the Board at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the Parties. As a point of clarification, the District shall only request as part of the Funding Obligation that the Developers fund the actual expenses of the District, and the Developers are not required to fund the total general fund Budget in the event that actual expenses are less than the projected total general fund Budget, as may be amended as provided herein. The funds shall be placed in the District's general checking account. In the event the Developers sell any of the Property during the term of this Agreement, the Developers' rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same.
- agree, that the activities, operations and services set forth in the Budget provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. These payments are made by the Developers in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District. Nothing contained herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District's right to levy assessments, including on the Property, in the event of a funding deficit.
- 3. **COLLECTION METHODS.** The District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement using one or more of the following collection methods:
  - a. The District shall have the right to file a continuing lien ("Lien") upon all or a portion of the Property, which Lien shall be effective as of the date and time of the recording of a "Notice of Lien" in the public records of the County.
  - b. The District shall have the right to file an action against the Developers in the appropriate judicial forum in and for the County.
  - c. The District may certify amounts due hereunder as a non-ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law.

The enforcement of the collection of funds in any of the above manners, including which method(s) to utilize, shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such.

- 4. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT; AMENDMENTS.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the Parties hereto.
- 5. **AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all Parties hereto, each Party has complied with all of the requirements of law, and each Party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.
- 6. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other. Any purported assignment without such consent shall be void.
- 7. **DEFAULT.** A default by either Party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.
- 8. **ENFORCEMENT.** In the event that any party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including interest accrued on an unsatisfied Funding Obligation, reasonable fees and costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of the Funding Obligation or for enforcement of the Lien, or reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.
- 9. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal Parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the Parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.
- 10. **CHOICE OF LAW.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.
- 11. **ARM'S LENGTH.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully among the Parties as an arm's length transaction. The Parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any Party.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

## **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

Attest:	Independence Community Development District
Secretary/Assistant Secretary	By:
	D.R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation
Witness	By:
	68 Ventures, LLC, a Florida limited liability company
Witness	By:

**EXHIBIT A**: FY 2026 Budget



## INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

## 1. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

## **Goal 1.1** Public Meetings Compliance

**Objective:** Hold at least two (2) <u>regular</u> Board of Supervisor meetings per year to conduct CDD related business and discuss community needs.

**Measurement:** Number of public board meetings held annually as evidenced by meeting minutes and legal advertisements.

**Standard:** A minimum of two (2) regular board meetings was held during the fiscal year.

Achieved: Yes □ No □

## **Goal 1.2** Notice of Meetings Compliance

**Objective:** Provide public notice of each meeting at least seven days in advance, as specified in Section 190.007(1), using at least two communication methods.

**Measurement:** Timeliness and method of meeting notices as evidenced by posting to CDD website, publishing in local newspaper and via electronic communication.

**Standard:** 100% of meetings were advertised with 7 days' notice per statute on at least two mediums (i.e., newspaper, CDD website, electronic communications).

Achieved: Yes □ No □

## Goal 1.3 Access to Records Compliance

**Objective:** Ensure that meeting minutes and other public records are readily available and easily accessible to the public by completing monthly CDD website checks.

**Measurement:** Monthly website reviews will be completed to ensure meeting minutes and other public records are up to date as evidenced by District Management's records.

**Standard:** 100% of monthly website checks were completed by District Management.

Achieved: Yes □ No □

## 2. <u>INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE</u>

## Goal 2.1 District Infrastructure and Facilities Inspections

**Objective:** District Engineer will conduct an annual inspection of the District's infrastructure and related systems.

**Measurement:** A minimum of one (1) inspection completed per year as evidenced by district engineer's report related to district's infrastructure and related systems.

**Standard:** Minimum of one (1) inspection was completed in the Fiscal Year by the district's engineer.

Achieved: Yes □ No □

## 3. FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## Goal 3.1 Annual Budget Preparation

**Objective:** Prepare and approve the annual proposed budget by June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 each year.

**Measurement:** Proposed budget was approved by the Board before June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 as evidenced by meeting minutes and budget documents listed on CDD website and/or within district records.

**Standard:** 100% of budget approval and adoption were completed by the statutory deadlines and posted to the CDD website.

Achieved: Yes □ No □

## **Goal 3.2** Financial Reports

**Objective:** Publish to the CDD website the most recent versions of the following documents: annual audit, current fiscal year budget with any amendments, and most recent financials within the latest agenda package.

**Measurement:** Annual audit, previous years' budgets, and financials are accessible to the public as evidenced by corresponding documents on the CDD website.

**Standard:** CDD website contains 100% of the following information: most recent annual audit, most recently adopted/amended fiscal year budget, and most recent agenda package with updated financials.

Achieved: Yes □ No □

## Goal 3.3 Annual Financial Audit

**Objective:** Conduct an annual independent financial audit per statutory requirements and publish the results to the CDD website for public inspection and transmit said results to the State of Florida.

**Measurement:** Timeliness of audit completion and publication as evidenced by meeting minutes showing board approval and annual audit is available on the CDD website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

**Standard:** Audit was completed by an independent auditing firm per statutory requirements and results were posted to the CDD website and transmitted to the State of Florida.

Achieved: Yes □ No □

District Manager	Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors		
Print Name	Print Name		
Date	 Date		

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
JUNE 30, 2025

# INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds	
ASSETS Cash Due from Landowner Due from 68 Ventures Total assets	\$ 10,264 1,061 2,090 13,415	\$ 10,264 1,061 2,090 13,415	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:			
Accounts payable Landowner advance Total liabilities	\$ 9,002 6,000 15,002	\$ 9,002 6,000 15,002	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred receipts Total deferred inflows of resources	3,151 3,151	3,151 3,151	
Fund balances: Unassigned Total fund balances	(4,738) (4,738)	(4,738) (4,738)	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 13,415	\$ 13,415	

## **INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GENERAL FUND**

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, **AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES** FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES Landowner contribution	\$ 5,710	\$ 19,680	\$ 98,790	20%
Total revenues	5,710	19,680	98,790	20%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording	2,000	18,000	48,000	38%
Legal	-	-	25,000	0%
Engineering	-	-	2,000	0%
Audit	-	-	5,500	0%
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-	-	500	0%
Dissemination agent*	-	-	1,000	0%
EMMA software service*	-	-	1,000	0%
Trustee*	-	-	5,500	0%
Telephone	17	150	200	75%
Postage	63	74	500	15%
Printing & binding	42	375	500	75%
Legal advertising	-	-	1,750	0%
Annual special district fee	-	175	175	100%
Insurance	-	5,200	5,500	95%
Contingencies/bank charges	90	807	750	108%
Website hosting & maintenance	-	705	705	100%
Website ADA compliance	-	210	210	100%
Total expenditures	2,212	25,696	98,790	26%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues				
over/(under) expenditures	3,498	(6,016)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	(8,236)	1,278		
Fund balances - ending	\$ (4,738)	\$ (4,738)	\$ -	

## INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## MINUTES A

1 2 3 4		MINUTES OF I INDEPEND COMMUNITY DEVELO	ENCE
5		The Board of Supervisors of the Independe	ence Community Development District held a
6	Public	Hearing and Regular Meeting on August	5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. (Central Time), at the
7	Holida	y Inn Express & Suites, 125 Cracker Barrel Ro	oad, Crestview, Florida 32536-2230.
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9 10		Present:	
11		Sophie Sumner	Chair
12 13		Jason Eaves Anthony "Tony" Kucera	Vice Chair Assistant Secretary
14		Anthony Tony Rucera	Assistant Secretary
15		Also present:	
16		Circle Contract	District Manager
17 18		Cindy Cerbone Katie Buchanan (via telephone)	District Manager District Counsel
19		Heath Jenkins (via telephone)	District Engineer
20		Bob Jacobs	DR Horton
21		Kristen Miller (via telephone)	68 Ventures
22		Bobby Isakson	68 Ventures
23		Kat Holladay	68 Ventures
24		Chloe Kelly (via telephone)	68 Ventures
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27	FIRST	ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call
28 29		Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order at	1:30 p.m., Central Time.
30		Supervisors Sumner, Eaves and Kucera we	ere present. Supervisors Chatraw and Smith
31	were r	not present.	
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33 34	SECON	ID ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments
35		No members of the public spoke.	
36	•	Board Transition	
37		This item, previously the Sixth Order of Bu	siness, was presented out of order.
38	A.	Acceptance of Resignations from Supervisor	or(s)
39		Ms. Cerbone presented resignations from N	Mr. Casey Smith and Ms. Lacey Chatraw.

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41 42 43		On MOTION by Ms. Sumner and seconder resignations of Mr. Casey Smith and Ms respectively, were accepted.	•
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46	В.	Appointment of Supervisor(s) to Vacant S	eats
47		Mr. Eaves nominated Mr. Robert Isakson t	o fill Seat 5.
48		No other nominations were made.	
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50 51 52		On MOTION by Ms. Sumner and seconde appointment of Mr. Robert Isakson to fill	•
53 54		Mr. Kucera nominated Ms. Kristen Miller t	o fill Seat 4.
55		No other nominations were made.	
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57 58 59		On MOTION by Mr. Eaves and seconded appointment of Ms. Kristen Miller to fill S	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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61		Administration of Oath of Office to	Newly Appointed Supervisors
62		Ms. Cerbone, a Notary of the State of F	lorida and duly authorized, administered the
63	Oath	of Office to Mr. Robert Isakson. Ms. Krister	n Miller will be sworn in at or before the nex
64	meet	ting.	
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66 67 68	THIR	D ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Yea 2024/2025 Budget
69	A.	Affidavit of Publication	
70		The affidavit of publication was included for	or informational purposes.
71	В.	Consideration of Resolution 2024-04, I	Relating to the Annual Appropriations and
72		Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Y	ear Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending
73		September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budge	et Amendments; and Providing an Effective
74		Date	

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2024. She reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, highlighting increases, decreases and adjustments, compared to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, and explained the reasons for any changes. This is a Landowner-funded budget with expenses funded as they are incurred. Management's full fee is budgeted but a reduced management fee of \$2,000 will be billed until bonds are issued.

On MOTION by Mr. Kucera and seconded by Mr. Isakson, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

On MOTION by Mr. Kucera and seconded by Mr. Isakson, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

On MOTION by Mr. Eaves and seconded by Mr. Kucera, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-04, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Budget Funding Agreement Fiscal Year 2025

Ms. Cerbone presented the Budget Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2025. The Agreement will be updated to include the CDD, D.R. Horton, Inc. and 68 Ventures, with a 50/50 funding split between D.R. Horton, Inc. and 68 Ventures.

On MOTION by Mr. Kucera and seconded by Ms. Sumner, with all in favor, the Budget Funding Agreement Fiscal Year 2025, as amended and in substantial form, subject to District Counsel and Developer Counsel review, was approved.

### FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2024-02, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year

l13 l14 l15			2024/2025 and Providing for an Effective Date
116		Ms. Cerbone լ	presented Resolution 2024-02.
117		Discussion en	sued regarding the bond issuance timeline, Sunshine Law requirements
118	and v	whether to sche	edule recurring meeting dates. Ms. Buchanan stated that bond issuance
119	woul	d likely require s	ix months given the need to complete bond validation.
120		The following	changes were made to the Fiscal Year 2025 Meeting Schedule:
121		DATES: Delete	November 5, 2024; July 1, 2025; and September 2, 2025
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123 124 125 126 127		Resolution 2 Meetings of t	by Ms. Sumner and seconded by Mr. Kucera, with all in favor, 024-02, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 for an Effective Date, was adopted.
128 129 130	SIXTI	H ORDER OF BUS	SINESS Board Transition
131	A.	Acceptance o	f Resignations from Supervisor(s)
132	В.	Appointment	of Supervisor(s) to Vacant Seats
133		• Admin	istration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Supervisors, (the
134		follow	ing to be provided in a separate package)
135		I.	Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
136			Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
137		II.	Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
138		III.	Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers
139			and Employees
140		IV.	Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and
141			other Local Public Officers
142		These items w	vere addressed following the Second Order of Business.
143	C.	Consideration	of Resolution 2024-05, Electing and Removing Officers of the District
L44		and Providing	for an Effective Date
145		Ms. Cerbone լ	presented Resolution 2024-05.
146		Mr. Faves nor	ninated the following:

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147	Robert Isakson	Chair
148	Tony Kucera	Vice Chair
149	Sophie Sumner	Assistant Secretary
150	Jason Eaves	Assistant Secretary
151	Kristen Miller	Assistant Secretary
152	No other nominations were made.	
153	This Resolution removes the following	g from the Board:
154	Oleysa "Lacey" Chatraw	Assistant Secretary
155	Casey Smith	Assistant Secretary
156	The following prior appointments by t	the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:
157	Craig Wrathell	Secretary
158	Cindy Cerbone	Assistant Secretary
159	Craig Wrathell	Treasurer
160	Jeff Pinder	Assistant Treasurer
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162	- I	econded by Mr. Eaves, with all in favor,
163		ominated, and Removing Officers of the
164	District and Providing for an Effective	e Date, was adopted.
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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Goals and Objectives
Reporting [HB7013 - Special Districts
Performance Measures and Standards
Reporting]

Ms. Cerbone presented the Memorandum explaining the new requirement for special districts to develop goals and objectives annually and develop performance measures and standards to assess the achievement of the goals and objectives. Community Communication and Engagement, Infrastructure and Facilities Maintenance, and Financial Transparency and Accountability will be the key categories to focus on for Fiscal Year 2025. She presented the Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form developed for the CDD, which explains how the CDD will meet the goals.

On MOTION by Mr. Kucera and seconded by Mr. Isakson, with all in favor, the Goals and Objectives and the Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form, were approved.

### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Ms. Cerbone stated that a call being scheduled will likely include Mr. Bob Jacobs, of 68 Ventures; District Counsel; the District Engineer; the Underwriter; and one Board Member. An updated Engineer's Report will be prepared.

**Update: Financing** 

Ms. Buchanan stated that the bond validation process to have the bonds approved by the court takes two to four months. After validation, a 30-day window must pass before bonds can actually be issued; therefore, it can take four to six months before bond funds will be available. Mr. Isakson will initiate a call with 68 Ventures and coordinate scheduling of the call with District Management.

### NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2024

On MOTION by Mr. Kucera and seconded by Mr. Isakson, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2024, were accepted.

### **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Approval of June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

On MOTION by Mr. Eaves and seconded by Mr. Kucera, with all in favor, the June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

Ms. Cerbone stated that, before today she had a call with Mr. Isakson, Mr. Jacobs and Ms. Chloe Kelly and it was determined that Ms. Kelly would be unable to serve on the Board. That is why Ms. Kristen Miller was appointed to the Board.

Ms. Cerbone and Ms. Buchanan explained the items listed in the Sixth Order of Business, including registering with the Florida Commission on Ethics, filing Form 1 electronically, and the requirement to complete four hours of ethics training by December 31, 2024 or December 31, 2025 depending on when they were appointed/elected.

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**INDEPENDENCE CDD** 

August 5, 2024

## INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# MINUTES B

1 2 3 4	INDEF	OF MEETING PENDENCE VELOPMENT DISTRICT
5	The Board of Supervisors of the Indep	endence Community Development District held a
6	Regular Meeting on June 3, 2025 at 2:30 p.	m. (Central Time), at the Holiday Inn Express &
7	Suites, 125 Cracker Barrel Road, Crestview, Flo	orida 32536-2230.
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9 10	Present:	
11	Robert Isakson	Chair
12	Sophie Sumner	Assistant Secretary
13	Jason Eaves	Assistant Secretary
14 15	Kristen Miller	Assistant Secretary
16	Also present:	
17	Also present.	
18	Cindy Cerbone	District Manager
19	Chris Conti	Wrathell, Hunt and Associates LLC
20	Katie Buchanan (via telephone)	District Counsel
21	Bob Jacobs	DR Horton
22	Chole Kelly	DR Horton
23	Michael Holdship	DR Horton
24	Matt Howell	DR Horton
25	Wate Howell	Divinortali
26	FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS	Call to Order/Roll Call
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28	_	ler at 2:32 p.m., Central Time and stated the Oath
29	of Office was administered to Ms. Kristen Mill	er prior to the meeting commencing.
30	Supervisors Isakson, Sumner, Miller an	d Eaves were present. Mr. Kucera was absent.
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32 33	SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS	Public Comments
34	No members of the public spoke.	
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36 37 38 39	THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS	Administration of Oath of Office to Appointed Supervisor [Kristen Miller - Seat 4] (the following to be provided under separate cover)

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41		This item was addressed during the	First Order of Business.
42		Ms. Cerbone provided and she and	Ms. Buchanan explained the following:
43	A.	Required Ethics Training and Disclo	osure Filing
44		Sample Form 1 2023/Instru	ctions
45	В.	Membership, Obligations and Resp	oonsibilities
46	C.	Guide to Sunshine Amendment an	d Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
47	D.	Form 8B: Memorandum of Votir	ng Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local
48		Public Officers	
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50 51 52 53	FOUR	RTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Ratification of Resolution 2024-05, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
54		Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution	2024-05.
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56 57 58 59			seconded by Mr. Eaves, with all in favor, d Removing Officers of the District and is ratified.
60 61 62	FIFTH	ORDER OF BUSINESS	Acceptance of Resignation of Tony Kucera [Seat 1]
63 64 65		Ms. Cerbone presented the resigna	tion of Tony Kucera from Seat 1.
66 67 68 69		On MOTION by Mr. Isakson and se resignation of Tony Kucera from Se	econded by Ms. Sumner, with all in favor, the eat 1, was accepted.
70 71 72 73	SIXTH	ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 1; Term Expires November 2028
73 74		Mr. Isakson nominated Mr. Matt He	owell to fill Seat 1.
75		No other nominations were made.	

76 77 On MOTION by Mr. Isakson and seconded by Ms. Sumner, with all in favor, the 78 appointment of Mr. Matt Howell to fill Seat 1, was approved. 79 80 **Administration of Oath of Office to Appointed Supervisor** 81 Mr. Conti, a Notary of the State of Florida and duly authorized, administered the Oath of 82 Office to Mr. Matt Howell. 83 84 Ms. Cerbone provided a new Supervisor packet to Mr. Howell and stated explanations 85 of the contents will be emailed to Mr. Howell. 86 87 **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** Consideration of Resolution 2025-01, 88 Electing and Removing Officers of the 89 **District and Providing for an Effective Date** 90 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2025-01. 91 Mr. Isakson nominated the following slate: 92 93 Robert Isakson Chair 94 Matt Howell Vice Chair 95 Sophie Sumner **Assistant Secretary** 96 Jason Eaves **Assistant Secretary** 97 Kristen Miller **Assistant Secretary** 98 No other nominations were made. This Resolution removes the following from the Board: 99 Tony Kucera Vice Chair 100 The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution: 101 102 Craig Wrathell Secretary 103 Cindy Cerbone **Assistant Secretary** 104 Chris Conti **Assistant Secretary** 105 Craig Wrathell Treasurer Jeff Pinder 106 **Assistant Treasurer** 107

On MOTION by Mr. Isakson and seconded by Ms. Sumner, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-01, Electing, as nominated, and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion: District Engineering Services

Ms. Cerbone stated Avcon is the current District Engineering firm and Mr. Keith Jenkins served as the District Engineer. With his departure, Avcon is still the District Engineer of record. She asked what action the Board would like to take.

Discussion ensued regarding terminating the contract with Avcon, the termination date, engaging an Interim District Engineer and publicizing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

On MOTION by Mr. Eaves and seconded by Mr. Isakson, with all in favor, terminating the Avcon, Inc., Engineering Services Agreement based on the termination clause, effective once an Interim District Engineering Services Agreement is in place with a new District Engineer, was approved.

On MOTION by Ms. Sumner and seconded by Ms. Miller, with all in favor, authorizing Staff to advertise a RFQ for Engineering Services, using the same evaluation ranking criteria as the original RFQ, was approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-02, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2025-02. She reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget, highlighting increases, decreases and adjustments, compared to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, and explained the reasons for any changes.

On MOTION by Mr. Isakson and seconded by Mr. Eaves, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-02, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law for August 5, 2025 at 2:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 125 Cracker Barrel Road, Crestview, Florida 32536-2230; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-03, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2025-03.

On MOTION by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Sumner, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-03, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 

Consideration of Resolution 2025-04, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2025-04.

On MOTION by Mr. Isakson and seconded by Ms. Miller, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-04, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

**Update: Financing** 

### TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. Cerbone noted the Board's goal to issue bonds in June 2026 and stated that it will take four to six months. She recommended starting the process at the August 2025 budget adoption meeting. She discussed the bond timing and bond issuance process, including the need to produce a District Engineer's Report by mid-July 2025, along with a Master Assessment

assistance from District Counsel, Bond Counsel, Bond Underwriter and Developer Counsel.

properties of the District, followed by a bond validation hearing, all with the involvement and

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THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial

Statements as of April 30, 2025

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On MOTION by Mr. Isakson and seconded by Mr. Howell, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of April 30, 2025, were accepted.

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FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of August 5, 2024 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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### FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Staff Reports** 

204 A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP

Ms. Buchanan stated she should be contacted once the CDD reaches a point where it is ready to turn over the utilities or improvements to the County, City or utility authority so she can make sure the CDD is eligible for funding.

- 208 B. District Engineer: Avcon, Inc.
- There was no report.
- 210 C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
- NEXT MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025 at 2:30 PM (Central Time)
- 212 O QUORUM CHECK

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### 214 SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Board Members' Comments/Requests** 

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There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

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### 218 **SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments** 

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**INDEPENDENCE CDD** 

June 3, 2025

INDEPENDENCE CDD

### INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## STAFF REPORTS

### INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE**

### **LOCATION**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 125 Cracker Barrel Road, Crestview, Florida 32536-2230

DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
November 4, 2025	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
December 2, 2025	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
January 6, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
February 3, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
March 3, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
April 7, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
May 5, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
June 2, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
July 7, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
August 4, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)
September 1, 2026	Regular Meeting	2:30 PM (CT)