# MINUTES OF MEETING OCALA PRESERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Ocala Preserve Community Development District held a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on September 5, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., at The Club at Ocala Preserve, 4021 NW 53rd Avenue Road, Ocala, Florida 34482.

# **Present:**

Christian Cotter Chair
John Wiggins Vice Chair

Ethan Mellish Assistant Secretary

## Also present:

Kristen Suit District Manager

Jordan Lansford Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

Jere Earlywine (via telephone) District Counsel

## FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Suit called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Supervisor Cotter, Wiggins and Mellish, were present. Supervisor Disotell was absent. One seat was vacant.

#### **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Public Comments**

No members of the public spoke.

#### THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 2; Term Expires November 2026

This item was deferred.

- Administration of Oath of Office (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

#### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Resolution 2025-08, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2025-08. Mr. Cotter nominated the following slate:

Christian Cotter Chair

John Wiggins Vice Chair

Kara Disotell Assistant Secretary

Ethan Mellish Assistant Secretary

Jordan Lansford Assistant Secretary

No other nominations were made.

The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

Craig Wrathell Secretary

Kristen Suit Assistant Secretary

Craig Wrathell Treasurer

Jeff Pinder Assistant Treasurer

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-08, Electing, as nominated, and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 

Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget

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

- A. Affidavit of Publication
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-09, 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

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2025-09. 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.

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

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

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Mellish, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-09, 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, was adopted.

#### SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-10, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including but Not Limited to Penalties and Interest Thereon; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2025-10.

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Mellish, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-10, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including but Not Limited to Penalties and Interest Thereon; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for

Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

#### SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-11, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2025-11. She discussed the benefits of the Agreement and noted that the CDD would more likely be the recipient of aid from other governmental entities than a provider of aid. This Agreement was previously approved and is being presented due to some updates to the Agreement.

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-11, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.

## **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Presentation of Audited Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024, Prepared by Grau & Associates

Ms. Suit presented the Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024 and noted the pertinent information. There were no findings, recommendations, deficiencies on internal control or instances of non-compliance; it was a clean audit.

A. Consideration of Resolution 2025-12, Hereby Accepting the Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-12, Hereby Accepting the Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024, was adopted.

#### **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Goals and Objectives Reporting FY2026 [HB7013 - Special Districts Performance Measures and Standards Reporting] Ms. Suit presented the Goals and Objectives Reporting Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Measures and Standards. She noted that it will be necessary to authorize the Chair to approve the findings related to the 2025 Goals and Objectives.

Authorization of Chair to Approve Findings Related to 2025 Goals and Objectives
 Reporting

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, the Goals and Objectives Reporting Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Measures and Standards and authorizing the Chair to approve the findings related to the 2025 Goals and Objectives Reporting, were approved.

#### **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Project Completion Resolutions

A. Resolution 2025-13, Approving the First Amendment to First Supplemental Trust Indenture Between the District and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Successor Trustee, Relating to the District's Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (2021 Project Area); Authorizing the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary to Execute and Deliver the Amendment; and Providing an Effective Date of this Resolution

Mr. Earlywine presented Resolution 2025-13. This Resolution amends the wording of the First Supplemental Trust Indenture to state that the funds related to the Series 2021 bonds will be released when all homes within the 2021 Assessment Area are closed, instead of when all homes within the CDD are closed.

On MOTION by Mr. Wiggins and seconded by Mr. Mellish, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-13, Approving the First Amendment to First Supplemental Trust Indenture Between the District and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Successor Trustee, Relating to the District's Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (2021 Project Area); Authorizing the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary to Execute and Deliver the Amendment; and Providing an Effective Date of this Resolution, was adopted.

B. Resolution 2025-14, Addressing Real Estate Conveyances and Permits; Accepting a Certificate of the District Engineer and Declaring Certain Project Complete; Providing Direction to District Staff; Finalizing Assessments; Authorizing Conveyances; Authorizing a Mutual Release; Providing for a Supplement to the Improvement Lien Book; Providing for Severability, Conflicts, and an Effective Date [PROJECT COMPLETION RESOLUTION FOR 2021 PROJECT]

Mr. Earlywine presented Resolution 2025-14 and reviewed the sections of the Revolution. This Resolution accomplishes the following with regard to the 2021 Project:

- Declares the Project complete for the purposes of the assessments; essentially that the property owners received the benefits of the project sufficient to support the assessment levy.
- > Triggers the release and/or payment of any remaining bond funds.
- Recognizes that all the project components have been conveyed to the CDD and the permits were transferred.

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Mellish, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-14, Addressing Real Estate Conveyances and Permits; Accepting a Certificate of the District Engineer and Declaring Certain Project Complete; Providing Direction to District Staff; Finalizing Assessments; Authorizing Conveyances; Authorizing a Mutual Release; Providing for a Supplement to the Improvement Lien Book; Providing for Severability, Conflicts, and an Effective Date [PROJECT COMPLETION RESOLUTION FOR 2021 PROJECT], was adopted.

C. Resolution 2025-15, Authorizing District Staff to Confirm the Satisfaction of the Release Conditions of the Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (2021 Project Area) and, Upon Satisfaction, Authorizing the Release of the Debt Service Reserve Funds Into the Series 2021 Acquisition and Construction Account; Authorizing a Requisition for Payment of the Balance of the 2021 Acquisition and Construction Account; Providing Additional Authorization; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts, and an Effective Date

Mr. Earlywine presented Resolution 2025-15. This Resolution accomplishes the following:

- Authorizes release of the reserve account once the required conditions are met.
- Authorizes Staff to process the requisition related to it.

On MOTION by Mr. Wiggins and seconded by Mr. Cotter, with all in favor, 2025-15, Authorizing District Staff to Confirm the Satisfaction of the Release Conditions of the Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (2021 Project Area) and, Upon Satisfaction, Authorizing the Release of the Debt Service Reserve Funds Into the Series 2021 Acquisition and Construction Account; Authorizing a Requisition for Payment of the Balance of the 2021 Acquisition and Construction Account; Providing Additional Authorization; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts, and an Effective Date, was adopted.

D. Resolution 2025-16, Authorizing District Staff to Confirm the Satisfaction of the Release Conditions of the Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (2023 Project Area) and, Upon Satisfaction, Authorizing the Release of the Debt Service Reserve Funds into the Series 2023 Acquisition and Construction Account; Authorizing a Requisition for Payment of the Balance of the 2023 Acquisition and Construction Account; Providing Additional Authorization; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts, and an Effective Date

Mr. Earlywine presented Resolution 2025-16. With regard to the Series 2023 bond 2023 Project Area, this Resolution authorizes release of the reserve account once the required conditions are met.

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-16, Authorizing District Staff to Confirm the Satisfaction of the Release Conditions of the Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (2023 Project Area) and, Upon Satisfaction, Authorizing the Release of the Debt Service Reserve Funds into the Series 2023 Acquisition and Construction Account; Authorizing a Requisition for Payment of the Balance of the 2023 Acquisition and Construction Account; Providing Additional Authorization; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts, and an Effective Date, was adopted.

#### **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Resolution 2025-17, 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. Suit presented Resolution 2025-17. She stated that meetings will be held on the first Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m., as needed.

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-17, 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.

#### TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025, were accepted.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of April 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, the April 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

### **FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports** 

- A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP
  - Legislative Update

Mr. Earlywine noted the 35-day advertising requirement related to rulemaking. There is nothing at this time of significant impact to the CDD.

- B. District Engineer: Atwell, LLC
  - Consideration: Proposal for Surveying Services

There was no report.

- C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
  - 380 Registered Voters in District as of April 15, 2025
  - NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

## O QUORUM CHECK

## FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Board Members' Comments/Requests** 

There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Comments** 

No members of the public spoke.

**SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** 

**Adjournment** 

On MOTION by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Wiggins, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair