

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors  
Highland Meadows Community Development District  
Davenport, Florida

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of Highland Meadows Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk

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assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of Highland Meadows Community Development District, as of September 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4-9, and the budgetary comparison information on pages 29-30 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 14, 2015 on our consideration of the Highland Meadows Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions

of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Highland Meadows Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

In accordance with the *Rules of the Florida Auditor General*, we have also issued our management letter dated May 14, 2015.

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May 14, 2015

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Our discussion and analysis of Highland Meadows Community Development District (the “District”) financial accomplishments provides an overview of the District’s financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. Please read it in conjunction with the District’s Independent Auditor’s Report, financial statements and accompanying notes.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The District’s total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$5,302,011 (net position). Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$(245,943).
- Governmental activities revenues total \$221,471 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$384,991.
- At September 30, 2014 the District’s governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$(156,907), a decrease in the fund balance of \$121,869 in comparison with the prior year.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Highland Meadows Community Development District’s basic financial statements. The District’s basic financial statements comprise three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District’s finances, in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District’s assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information on how the District’s net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

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

Government-wide Financial Statements (Continued)

The government-wide financial statements include all District activities that are principally supported by special assessment revenues. The District does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the District include general government and physical environment related functions.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District has one fund category: Governmental Funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the governments near term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the general fund, debt service fund and capital projects fund. The general fund and debt service funds are considered to be major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriation budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities and the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Key components of the District's net position are reflected in the following table:

|  | <b>Net Position</b>            |                     |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>September 30,</b>           |                     |
|  | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                     |
|  | <u>2014</u>                    | <u>2013</u>         |
| Assets, excluding capital assets             | \$ 880,369                     | \$ 790,723          |
| Capital assets, net of depreciation          | <u>8,083,543</u>               | <u>8,185,100</u>    |
| Total assets                                 | <u>8,963,912</u>               | <u>8,975,823</u>    |
| Liabilities, excluding long-term liabilities | 1,161,901                      | 950,386             |
| Long-term liabilities                        | <u>2,500,000</u>               | <u>2,560,000</u>    |
| Total liabilities                            | <u>3,661,901</u>               | <u>3,510,386</u>    |
| Net Position                                 |                                |                     |
| Net investment in capital assets             | 5,547,928                      | 5,599,409           |
| Restricted                                   | 26                             | 26                  |
| Unrestricted                                 | <u>(245,943)</u>               | <u>(133,998)</u>    |
| Total net position                           | <u>\$ 5,302,011</u>            | <u>\$ 5,465,437</u> |

The District's net position reflect its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, land improvements, and infrastructure); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are used to provide services to residents; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.



**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)**

The restricted portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the District's other obligations.

The decrease of \$11,911 in total assets is primarily related to an increase in cash and investments of \$84,289, less a reduction of capital assets through depreciation of \$101,557.

Key elements of the Statement of Activities are reflected in the following table:

**Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,**

|   | <u>Governmental Activities</u> |                     |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|   | <u>2014</u>                    | <u>2013</u>         |
| Revenues:   |                                |                     |
| Program Revenues                                      |                                |                     |
| Charges for services                                  | \$ 221,471                     | \$ 219,013          |
| General revenues                                      |                                |                     |
| Investment earnings                                   | 94                             | 149                 |
| Total revenues  | <u>221,565</u>                 | <u>219,162</u>      |
| Expenses:   |                                |                     |
| General government                                    | 66,330                         | 100,541             |
| Physical environment                                  | 163,561                        | 167,080             |
| Interest on debt                                      | 155,100                        | 155,100             |
| Total expenses  | <u>384,991</u>                 | <u>422,721</u>      |
| Change in net position                                | <u>(163,426)</u>               | <u>(203,559)</u>    |
| Net position, beginning of year, as previously stated | 5,465,437                      | 5,832,903           |
| Effect of adoption of GASB No. 65                     | -                              | (163,907)           |
| Net position, beginning of year, as restated          | <u>5,465,437</u>               | <u>5,668,996</u>    |
| Net position, end of year                             | <u>\$ 5,302,011</u>            | <u>\$ 5,465,437</u> |

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)**

Total revenue was consistent between the two years while expenses were \$37,730 lower in 2014, primarily due to reduced general government expenses. The corresponding effect was that the negative change in net position was also less in the current year.

**FUND ACCOUNTING FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. At September 30, 2014, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$(156,907). Of this total, \$12,352 is nonspendable, \$26 is restricted and the remainder is a negative unassigned fund balance of \$(169,285).

The fund balance of the District's general fund increased by \$13,081 from the prior year due to a reduction of expenditures.

The debt service fund balance decreased by \$134,950 from the prior year because collection of special assessment revenue was insufficient to cover recognized debt service costs.

**GENERAL BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues as the District collected some past due special assessments. Governmental expenditures were reduced for the year resulting in lower general government expenditures than were anticipated.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At September 30, 2014, the District had \$8,083,543 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation. More detailed information is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**Capital Debt**

At September 30, 2014, the District had \$2,820,000 in bonds outstanding, including \$260,000 in matured bonds payable. More detailed information about the District's capital debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Highland Meadows Community Development District's finance department at 3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

|   | Governmental<br>Activities |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                             |                            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | \$ 187,094                 |
| Investments - restricted                  | 529,968                    |
| Receivables (net)                         | 141,727                    |
| Prepays and deposits                      | 21,580                     |
| Capital assets                            |                            |
| Land                                      | 5,680,071                  |
| Other capital assets, net of depreciation | 2,403,472                  |
| Total capital assets                      | 8,083,543                  |
| Total Assets                              | 8,963,912                  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                        |                            |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses     | 1,776                      |
| Accrued interest payable                  | 64,625                     |
| Matured bond interest payable             | 775,500                    |
| Matured bond principal payable            | 260,000                    |
| Long-term liabilities                     |                            |
| Bonds payable, due within one year        | 60,000                     |
| Bonds payable, due in more than one year  | 2,500,000                  |
| Total Liabilities                         | 3,661,901                  |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                       |                            |
| Net investment in capital assets          | 5,547,928                  |
| Restricted                                | 26                         |
| Unrestricted                              | (245,943)                  |
| Total Net Position                        | \$ 5,302,011               |

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

|                               | <u>Expenses</u>  | <u>Program Revenue<br/>Charges<br/>for<br/>Services</u> | <u>Net (Expense)<br/>Revenue and<br/>Changes in<br/>Net Assets</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| <u>Functions/Programs</u>     |                  |   | <u>Governmental<br/>Activities</u>                                 |
| Governmental activities:      |                  |   |  |
| General government            | \$ (66,330)      | \$ 133,487  | \$ 67,157  |
| Physical environment          | (163,561)        | -   | (163,561)  |
| Interest on debt              | (155,100)        | 87,984  | (67,116)   |
| Total governmental activities | <u>(384,991)</u> | <u>221,471</u>  | <u>(163,520)</u>   |
|                               |                  |   |  |
|                               |                  |   | <u>94</u>  |
|                               |                  |   | <u>94</u>  |
|                               |                  |   | <u>(163,426)</u>   |
|                               |                  |   | <u>5,465,437</u>   |
|                               |                  |   | <u>\$ 5,302,011</u>  |

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

|   | Major Funds       |                   |                     | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | General           | Debt<br>Service   | Capital<br>Projects |                                |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                           |                   |                   |                     |                                |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | \$ 187,094        | \$ -              | \$ -                | \$ 187,094                     |
| Restricted assets:                      |                   |                   |                     |                                |
| Investments                             | -                 | 529,942           | 26                  | 529,968                        |
| Tax assessments receivable              | 3,254             | -                 | -                   | 3,254                          |
| Non-current amount due from bondholders | -                 | 138,473           | -                   | 138,473                        |
| Prepays and deposits                    | 12,352            | 9,228             | -                   | 21,580                         |
| Total Assets                            | <u>\$ 202,700</u> | <u>\$ 677,643</u> | <u>\$ 26</u>        | <u>\$ 880,369</u>              |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                      |                   |                   |                     |                                |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | \$ 1,776          | \$ -              | \$ -                | \$ 1,776                       |
| Matured bond interest payable           | -                 | 775,500           | -                   | 775,500                        |
| Matured bond principal payable          | -                 | 260,000           | -                   | 260,000                        |
| Total Liabilities                       | <u>1,776</u>      | <u>1,035,500</u>  | <u>-</u>            | <u>1,037,276</u>               |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b>                    |                   |                   |                     |                                |
| Nonspendable                            | 12,352            | -                 | -                   | 12,352                         |
| Restricted for capital projects         | -                 | -                 | 26                  | 26                             |
| Unassigned (deficit)                    | 188,572           | (357,857)         | -                   | (169,285)                      |
| Total Fund Balances                     | <u>200,924</u>    | <u>(357,857)</u>  | <u>26</u>           | <u>(156,907)</u>               |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances     | <u>\$ 202,700</u> | <u>\$ 677,643</u> | <u>\$ 26</u>        |                                |

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Capital assets not being depreciated are as follows: Land (\$5,295,500) and Land Improvements (\$384,571) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds.  | 5,680,071           |
| Capital assets to be depreciated are as follows: Sewer and Water (\$1,595,627), Roadways (\$988,700) and Infrastructure (\$574,184), net of accumulated depreciation (\$755,039) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, not reported in the funds. | 2,403,472           |
| Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable (\$2,560,000) are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.   | (2,560,000)         |
| Accrued interest expense for general long-term debt is not a financial use and therefore, is not reported in the funds.  | (64,625)            |
| Total net position of governmental activities  | <u>\$ 5,302,011</u> |

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

|  | Major Funds       |                     |                     | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | General           | Debt<br>Service     | Capital<br>Projects |                                |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>   |                   |                     |                     |                                |
| Special assessments  | \$ 133,487        | \$ 87,984           | \$ -                | \$ 221,471                     |
| Other revenue  | -                 | -                   | -                   | -                              |
| Investment earnings  | -                 | 94                  | -                   | 94                             |
| Total Revenues   | <u>133,487</u>    | <u>88,078</u>       | <u>-</u>            | <u>221,565</u>                 |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>   |                   |                     |                     |                                |
| Current  |                   |                     |                     |                                |
| General government   | 58,402            | 7,928               | -                   | 66,330                         |
| Physical environment   | 62,004            | -                   | -                   | 62,004                         |
| Capital outlay   | -                 | -                   | -                   | -                              |
| Debt Service   |                   |                     |                     |                                |
| Principal  | -                 | 60,000              | -                   | 60,000                         |
| Interest   | -                 | 155,100             | -                   | 155,100                        |
| Total expenditures   | <u>120,406</u>    | <u>223,028</u>      | <u>-</u>            | <u>343,434</u>                 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures<br>and net change in fund balances | 13,081            | (134,950)           | -                   | (121,869)                      |
| Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year   | 187,843           | (222,907)           | 26                  | (35,038)                       |
| Fund balances (deficit), end of year   | <u>\$ 200,924</u> | <u>\$ (357,857)</u> | <u>\$ 26</u>        | <u>\$ (156,907)</u>            |

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Reconciliation of the change in fund balances - total governmental funds to the change in net position of governmental activities:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

\$ (121,869)

Depreciation of capital assets is not recognized in the governmental fund statements but is reported as an expense in the statement of activities.

(101,557)

Unpaid payments of debt principal is reported as an expenditure in the governmental fund statement but such payments reduce liabilities in the statement of net assets and are eliminated in the statement of activities.

60,000

Change in net position of governmental activities

\$ (163,426)



**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Highland Meadows Community Development District, (the “District”), was established by City of Davenport Ordinance No. 573 enacted on April 24, 2006, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, otherwise known as Chapter 190 Florida Statutes. The Act provides among other things, the power to manage basic services for community development, the power to borrow money and issue bonds, and the power to levy and assess non-ad valorem assessments for the financing and delivery of capital infrastructure. The District was established for the purpose of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of a portion of the infrastructure necessary for community development within the District.

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”), which is composed of five members. The Supervisors are elected on an at large basis by the landowners of the District. The Board of Supervisors of the District exercises all powers granted to the District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

The Board has the final responsibility for:

1. Allocating and levying assessments.
2. Approving budgets.
3. Exercising control over facilities and properties.
4. Controlling the use of funds generated by the District.
5. Approving the hiring and firing of key personnel.
6. Financing improvements.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement 14, and Statements 61 and 39, amendments of GASB Statement 14 and Statement 34. Under provisions of those standards, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the District Board of Supervisors is considered to be financially accountable, and other organizations (component units) for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the District are such that, if excluded, the financial statements of the District would be considered incomplete or misleading. Management has determined that there are no entities considered to be component units of the District.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report on all non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants, contributions and investment earnings that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment and 3) operating-type special assessments that are treated as charges for services (including assessments for maintenance and debt service). Other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measureable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

Assessments

Assessments, including debt service assessments and operation and maintenance assessments, are non-ad valorem assessments imposed on all lands located within the District and benefited by the District's activities. Operation and maintenance special assessments are levied by the District prior to the start of the fiscal year which begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. These assessments are imposed upon all benefited lands located in the District. Debt service special assessments are imposed upon certain lots and lands as described in each resolution imposing the special assessment for each series of bonds issued by the District.

Assessments and interest associated with the current financial period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of assessments received and due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

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

Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for the annual payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt.

The District non-major fund is:

Capital Projects Fund

The capital projects fund accounts for the acquisition or construction of major infrastructure within the boundaries of the District.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

As a general rule, the effect of the interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity**

Restricted Assets

These assets represent cash and investments set aside pursuant to bond covenants or other contractual restrictions.

Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

Investments of the District are reported at fair value. The District's investments consist of investments authorized per their investment policy adopted in accordance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

Capital Assets (Continued)

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

All capital asset acquisitions and construction is considered land, improvements and infrastructure at September 30, 2014.

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

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Infrastructure | 10-40 years |
|----------------|-------------|

In the governmental fund financial statements, amounts incurred for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as fund expenditures. Depreciation expense is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Long Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of premiums or discounts. Debt issuance costs are expensed in the year incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as expenditures.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

Fund Balance Categories and Classification

The District uses the following fund balance classifications: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. The District's general spending prioritization policy is to consider restricted resources to have been used first, followed by assigned and unassigned amounts when expenditures have been incurred for which resources in more than one classification could be used.

Nonspendable Fund Balance - includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual requirements.

Spendable Fund Balance:

- Restricted - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by debt covenants or amounts constrained due to constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- Committed - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority, which is the Board of Supervisors.
- Assigned - includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The Board of Supervisors has authorized the District Manager to assign amounts for specific purposes.
- Unassigned - includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

The District first uses committed fund balance, followed by assigned fund balance and then unassigned fund balance when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Net position in the government-wide statement are categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted or unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets represents net assets related to infrastructure and property, plant and equipment, net of any related debt. Restricted net position represents the assets restricted by the District's bond covenants.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Other Disclosures**

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgetary Information

The District is required to establish a budgetary system and an approved annual budget for the General Fund. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year end. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. Any budget amendments that increase the aggregate budgeted appropriations, at the fund level, must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Each year the District Manager submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain comments.
3. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by the District Board.
4. All budget changes must be approved by the District Board.
5. The budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Deposits**

The District's cash balances were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by a collateral pool pledged to the State Treasurer. Florida Statutes Chapter 280, "Florida Security for Public Deposits Act", requires all qualified depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral equal to various percentages of the average daily balance for each month of all public deposits in excess of any applicable deposit insurance held. "The percentage of eligible collateral (generally, U.S. Government and agency securities, state or local government debt, or corporate bonds) to public deposits is dependent upon the depository's financial history and its compliance with Chapter 280. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value which is the amount for which an investment could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced liquidation sale. Fair value is based on quoted market prices. Changes in the fair value of investments are recognized as revenue and included in investment revenue. Investment revenue is recognized as earned and is recorded in the respective fund related to the investment activity.

The District's investment policy is governed by state Statutes and the District Trust Indenture. The District's investment policy allows investments in any financial institution that is a qualified public depository of the State of Florida as identified by the State Treasurer, in accordance with Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes. Authorized District investments include, but are not limited to:

1. Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (SBA);
2. Securities and Exchange Commission Registered Money Market Funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or saving accounts in qualified public depositories;
4. Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury;
5. Short-term bond funds investing in U.S. Government securities or U.S. Government Agency Securities;
6. Securities of registered investment companies (mutual funds) that are limited to obligations of the U.S. Government or any agency or instrumentality thereof;



**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Investments (Continued):**

Investments made by the District at September 30, 2014 are summarized below. In accordance with GASB 31, investments are reported at fair value.

| <u>Investment</u>                    | <u>Maturity</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| US Bank Money Market Account-Managed | N/A             | <u>\$ 529,967</u> |

**Credit Risk:**

The District's investment policy limits credit risk by restricting authorized investments to those described above. Investments in U.S. Government securities and agencies must be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. Short term bond funds shall be rated by a nationally recognized ratings agency and shall maintain the highest credit quality rating.

**Custodial Credit Risk:**

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's investment policy requires that bank deposits be secured as provided by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. This law requires local governments to deposit funds only in financial institutions designated as qualified public depositories by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida and creates the Public Deposit Trust Fund, a multiple financial institution pool with the ability to assess its member financial institutions for collateral shortfalls if a default or insolvency has occurred. At September 30, 2014, all of the District's bank deposits were in qualified public depositories.

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At September 30, 2014, none of the investments listed are exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

**Interest Rate Risk:**

The District's investment policy does not specifically address interest rate risk; however, the general investment policy is to apply the prudent-person rule: Investments are made as a prudent person would be expected to act. With discretion and intelligence, to seek reasonable income, preserve capital, and in general avoid speculative investments. The District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by investing primarily in pooled investments that have a weighted average maturity of less than three months.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Investments (Continued):**

Concentration of Credit Risk:

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one investment. The investments in US Bank Money Market are 100% of the District's total investments. The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2014 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended. The District considers any decline in fair value for certain investments to be temporary.

Depository Funds:

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

Reserve Fund:

The 2006A Reserve Account is funded from the proceeds of the Series 2006A Bonds in the amount equal to the lesser of the maximum annual debt service requirement for all outstanding bonds, 10% of the original proceeds of the bonds, or 125% of the average annual debt service requirements for the outstanding bonds. Monies held in the reserve accounts will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2014 was as follows:

| <u>Description</u>                    | Balance<br>October 1,<br>2013 | Additions           | Disposals   | Balance<br>September 30,<br>2014 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>       |                               |                     |             |                                  |
| Capital assets not being depreciated: |                               |                     |             |                                  |
| Land and improvements                 | \$ 5,680,071                  | \$ -                | \$ -        | \$ 5,680,071                     |
| Capital assets, not being depreciated | <u>5,680,071</u>              | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>    | <u>5,680,071</u>                 |
| Capital assets, being depreciated:    |                               |                     |             |                                  |
| Sewer and water                       | 1,595,627                     | -                   | -           | 1,595,627                        |
| Roadways                              | 988,700                       | -                   | -           | 988,700                          |
| Infrastructure                        | 574,184                       | -                   | -           | 574,184                          |
| Capital assets being depreciated      | <u>3,158,511</u>              | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>    | <u>3,158,511</u>                 |
| Less accumulated depreciation         |                               |                     |             |                                  |
| Sewer and water                       | (230,698)                     | (32,957)            | -           | (263,655)                        |
| Roadways                              | (279,237)                     | (39,891)            | -           | (319,128)                        |
| Infrastructure                        | (143,547)                     | (28,709)            | -           | (172,256)                        |
| Total accumulated depreciation        | <u>(653,482)</u>              | <u>(101,557)</u>    | <u>-</u>    | <u>(755,039)</u>                 |
| Net depreciated capital assets        | <u>2,505,029</u>              | <u>(101,557)</u>    | <u>-</u>    | <u>2,403,472</u>                 |
| Capital assets, net                   | <u>\$ 8,185,100</u>           | <u>\$ (101,557)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 8,083,543</u>              |

Depreciation expense of \$101,557 was charged to physical environment.

**NOTE 5 - LONG TERM DEBT**

On May 1, 2006, the District issued \$2,945,000 of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds Series, Series 2006A with a fixed interest rate of 5.50%. The Bonds were issued to finance the acquisition and construction of certain improvements for the benefit of the District. Interest is paid semiannually on each May 1 and November 1. Principal on the bonds is payable annually, commencing May 1, 2007 through May 1, 2036.

The Series 2006A Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District, in whole or in part at anytime on or after May 1, 2016 at a redemption price as set forth in the Bond Indenture.

The Series 2006A Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Indenture. The Bond Indenture requires that the District maintain adequate funds in a reserve account to meet the debt service reserve requirements as defined in the indenture. The District is not in compliance with this requirement at September 30, 2014.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 5 - LONG TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

The Bond Indenture has certain restrictions and requirements relating principally to the use of proceeds to pay for the infrastructure improvements and the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agreed to 1) levy special assessments in annual installments adequate to provide payment of debt service and 2) to meet the reserve requirements. Payment of the principal and interest on the Series 2006A Bonds is secured by a pledge of and first lien upon the pledged special assessment revenue. The District is not in compliance with certain requirements of the Bond Indenture.

| <u>Description</u>   | <u>Balance<br/>October 1,<br/>2013</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u>    | <u>Balance<br/>September 30,<br/>2014</u> |
|--|--|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| Special Assessment Revenue Bonds<br>Series 2006A at 5.5%, maturing | <u>\$ 2,620,000</u>                    | <u>\$ -</u>     | <u>\$ (60,000)</u> | <u>\$ 2,560,000</u>                       |

The remaining debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest are as follows:

| <u>Year Ending<br/>September 30,</u> | <u>Principal</u>    | <u>Interest</u>     | <u>Total</u>        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2015                                 | 60,000              | 155,100             | 215,100             |
| 2016                                 | 65,000              | 151,800             | 216,800             |
| 2017                                 | 70,000              | 148,225             | 218,225             |
| 2018                                 | 75,000              | 144,375             | 219,375             |
| 2019                                 | 75,000              | 140,250             | 215,250             |
| 2020-2024                            | 450,000             | 633,875             | 1,083,875           |
| 2025-2029                            | 600,000             | 494,725             | 1,094,725           |
| 2030-2034                            | 785,000             | 310,200             | 1,095,200           |
| 2035-2036                            | <u>380,000</u>      | <u>67,375</u>       | <u>447,375</u>      |
|                                      | <u>\$ 2,560,000</u> | <u>\$ 2,245,925</u> | <u>\$ 4,805,925</u> |

As discussed in Note 9, the District was unable to make the November 1, 2009 and subsequent debt service payments due to uncollected assessments. Amounts currently matured and payable have been accrued and reflected as current liabilities in the financial statements.

**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The government is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all major areas. The District has not filed any claims under this commercial coverage during the last three years.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 7 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

A significant portion of the District's activity was dependent upon a limited number of landowners. Due to their financial difficulty and delinquency in paying special assessments, the District has continued to experience adverse financial conditions.

**NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The District is committed under various contracts for grounds maintenance, administrative services and legal consultations. These agreements are generally cancellable upon written notice.

**NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

For the fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012, special assessments for lots owned by certain landowners remained unpaid. Consequently, insufficient funds were available to fund the May 1, 2010 and subsequent principal and interest payments. Bondholders requested that the Debt Service Reserve not be accessed to make the debt service payment due on November 1, 2009 or subsequently.

On October 19, 2010 the District obtained a final judgment of foreclosure on certain property within the District. However, at the direction of the Trustee, a sale of the property was postponed in order to avoid extinguishment of the special assessment lien on the subject property. Per agreement among the parties on October 31, 2011, the property subject to the liens was placed into a special purpose entity (SPE). The District then deferred collection of the assessments encumbering the property until it is given direction to the contrary by the bond Trustee and majority Bondholders. The parties further agreed that operating and maintenance assessments would be paid in full prior to withdrawal or dismissal of the final judgment for the years ending September 30, 2009 and 2010 and that O&M assessments for the years ending September 30, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 would be allowed to be paid in quarterly installments.

As of February 27, 2015, the SPE has sold all of the remaining property.

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

|   | Budgeted Amounts |                | Actual<br>Amounts | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive (Negative) |
|---|------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
|   | Original         | Final          |                   |  |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>  |                  |                |                   |  |
| Special assessments                                       | \$ 130,815       | \$ 130,815     | \$ 133,487        | \$ 2,672   |
| Other revenue   | -                | -              | -                 | -  |
| Investment earnings                                       | -                | -              | -                 | -  |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                     | <b>130,815</b>   | <b>130,815</b> | <b>133,487</b>    | <b>2,672</b>   |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                                      |                  |                |                   |  |
| Current:  |                  |                |                   |  |
| General government  | 58,665           | 58,665         | 58,402            | 263  |
| Physical environment                                      | 75,150           | 75,150         | 62,004            | 13,146   |
| Capital outlay  | -                | -              | -                 | -  |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                                 | <b>133,815</b>   | <b>133,815</b> | <b>120,406</b>    | <b>13,409</b>  |
| Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | (3,000)          | (3,000)        | 13,081            | 16,081   |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>                    |                  |                |                   |  |
| Prior year fund balance                                   | 3,000            | 3,000          | -                 | 3,000  |
| <b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>               | <b>3,000</b>     | <b>3,000</b>   | <b>-</b>          | <b>3,000</b>   |
| Net change in fund balances                               | -                | -              | 13,081            | 19,081   |
| Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year                | 187,843          | 187,843        | 187,843           | -  |
| Fund balances (deficit), end of year                      | \$ 187,843       | \$ 187,843     | \$ 200,924        | \$ 19,081  |

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

**NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

Budgets are prepared and adopted after a public hearing for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190 and Sec 200.065, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgeting as it does for revenues and expenditures in its various funds. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level. All budgeted appropriations lapse at year end. Formal budgets are adopted for the general fund. As a result, deficits in the budget columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.



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

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Board of Supervisors  
Highland Meadows Community Development District  
Davenport, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of Highland Meadows Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Highland Meadows Community Development District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 14, 2015.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Highland Meadows Community Development District's internal control.

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



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

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate management letter dated May 14, 2015.

#### Purpose of this Report

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

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES

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We have examined Highland Meadows Community District's (the "District") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the year ended September 30, 2014. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

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

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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May 14, 2015



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### **MANAGEMENT LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**Board of Supervisors**  
Highland Meadows Community Development District  
Davenport, Florida

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

We have audited the financial statements of the Highland Meadows Community Development District, whose headquarters is located in Davenport, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated May 14, 2015.

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

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

#### **Other Reports and Schedule**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Chapter 10.550 Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

## Prior Audit Findings

The Rules of the Auditor General require that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report except as noted below under the heading Prior Year Findings and Recommendations.

### Tabulation of Uncorrected Audit Findings

| <b>Current<br/>Year</b> | <b>2012-13 FY<br/>Finding #</b> | <b>2011-12 FY<br/>Finding #</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>2014-1</b>           | <b>2013-1</b>                   | <b>2012-1</b>                   |

## Official Title and Legal Authority

The Rules of the Auditor General require that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Such information has been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

## Financial Condition

The Rules of the Auditor General require a statement be included as to whether or not the local governmental entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Highland Meadows Community Development District met conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, as described below:

**Comment 2014-1** - Our audit determined that the District met the conditions described in Sec. 218.503(1) in that the District was unable to make scheduled debt service payments due on November 1, 2009 and thereafter. This condition was the result of financial difficulties by the landowners in the District and the resultant non-payment of special assessments to the District. This is a continuing comment from our prior audits.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Highland Meadows community Development District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same. Our procedures did not indicate that the District is in a state of financial emergency.

## **Annual Financial Report**

Rules of the Auditor General require that we determine whether the annual financial report for Highland Meadows Community Development District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

## **Other Matters**

The Rules of the Auditor General require that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

The Rules of the Auditor General require that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

## **Purpose of this Letter**

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

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May 14, 2015

# HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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May 14, 2015

## **Response to the Management Letter for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013**

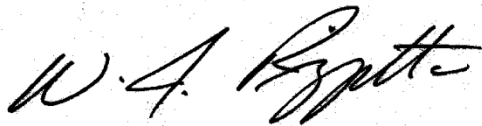
### **Management Letter comment 2014-1:**

*The auditor noted that the District was unable to make scheduled debt service payments.*

### **District response to the comment:**

*The Trustee, on behalf of the bondholders, created a Special Purpose Entity (“SPE”) to own, manage and dispose of the land obtained through tax deed. The District, Trustee, and the SPE entered into a tri-party agreement whereby the SPE assumed responsibility for the prior year debt service assessments owed to the District related to the land owned by the SPE. The Trustee has temporarily deferred payment of principal and interest on the bonds and has directed the District to defer collection of debt service assessments until such time as the District receives notice from the Trustee to the contrary.*

*Subsequent to year end the SPE sold its remaining property. The results of the sale as it applies to the delinquent debt service payments has not been determined.*



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William J. Rizzetta

Treasurer

Highland Meadows Community Development District