

**Lake Ashton
Community Development District**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Supervisors
Lake Ashton Community Development District
Lake Wales, Florida

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lake Ashton Community Development District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lake Ashton Community Development District as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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; and for 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.



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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for one year beyond the financial statement date, including currently known information that may raise substantial doubt thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.



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Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 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 a report dated June 10, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts.

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 effectiveness of the District's 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 Lake Ashton Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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June 10, 2025

Lake Ashton Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Management's discussion and analysis of Lake Ashton Community Development District (the "District") financial performance provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities. The analysis provides summary financial information for the District and should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's basic financial statements comprise three components; 1) *Government-wide financial statements*, 2) *Fund financial statements*, and 3) *Notes to financial statements*. The *Government-wide financial statements* present an overall picture of the District's financial position and results of operations. The *Fund financial statements* present financial information for the District's major funds. The *Notes to financial statements* provide additional information concerning the District's finances.

The *Government-wide financial statements* are the **statement of net position** and the **statement of activities**. These statements use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net position of governmental activities and the change in net position. Governmental activities are primarily supported by special assessments.

The **statement of net position** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net position. Assets, liabilities, and net position are reported for all Governmental activities.

The **statement of activities** presents information on all revenues and expenses of the District and the change in net position. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are reported, providing the net cost of all functions provided by the District. To assist in understanding the District's operations, expenses have been reported as governmental activities. Governmental activities financed by the District include general government, physical environment, culture recreation and debt service.

Fund financial statements present financial information for governmental funds. These statements provide financial information for the major funds of the District. Governmental fund financial statements provide information on the current assets and liabilities of the funds, changes in current financial resources (revenues and expenditures), and current available resources. The enterprise fund financial statements provide information on all assets and liabilities of the fund, changes in economic resources (revenues and expenses), and total economic resources.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fund financial statements include a **balance sheet** and a **statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances** for all governmental funds. A **statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual** is provided for the District's General Fund. *Fund financial statements* provide more detailed information about the District's activities. Individual funds are established by the District to track revenues that are restricted to certain uses or to comply with legal requirements.

The *government-wide financial statements* and the *fund financial statements* provide different pictures of the District. The *government-wide financial statements* provide an overall picture of the District's financial standing. These statements are comparable to private-sector companies and give a good understanding of the District's overall financial health and how the District paid for the various activities, or functions, provided by the District. All assets of the District, including capital assets, are reported in the **statement of net position**. All liabilities, including principal outstanding on bonds are included. In the **statement of activities**, transactions between the different functions of the District have been eliminated in order to avoid "doubling up" the revenues and expenses. The *fund financial statements* provide a picture of the major funds of the District. In the case of governmental activities, outlays for long lived assets are reported as expenditures and long-term liabilities, such as capital improvement bonds, are not included in the fund financial statements. To provide a link from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*, reconciliation is provided from the *fund financial statements* to the *government-wide financial statements*.

Notes to financial statements provide additional detail concerning the financial activities and financial balances of the District. Additional information about the accounting practices of the District, investments of the District, capital assets and long-term debt are some of the items included in the *notes to financial statements*.

Financial Highlights

The following are the highlights of financial activity for the year ended September 30, 2024.

- ◆ The District's total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$8,294,814 (net position). Net investment in capital assets for Governmental Activities was \$7,377,740. Restricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$171,261. Unrestricted net position for Governmental Activities was \$745,813.
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$3,123,225 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$3,305,478.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District

The following schedule provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current assets	\$ 882,643	\$ 708,209
Non-current assets	21,713	41,736
Restricted assets	413,551	358,808
Capital assets, net	<u>9,923,669</u>	<u>10,756,296</u>
Total Assets	<u>11,241,576</u>	<u>11,865,049</u>
Current liabilities	428,470	495,270
Non-current liabilities	<u>2,487,304</u>	<u>2,841,689</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,915,774</u>	<u>3,336,959</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>30,988</u>	<u>51,023</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	7,377,740	7,862,982
Restricted	171,261	101,276
Unrestricted	<u>745,813</u>	<u>512,809</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 8,294,814</u>	<u>\$ 8,477,067</u>

The increase in current assets is primarily related to the increase in investments in the Capital Projects Fund in the current year.

The decrease in non-current liabilities is mainly related to the principal payments made on long-term debt in the current year.

The decrease in capital assets and net investment in capital assets is related to the current year depreciation.

The decrease in non-current assets and deferred inflows of resources is related to the payments received for the restaurant lease in the current year.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position of the District and is presented by category for comparison purposes.

Change In Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Program Revenues</u>		
Charges for services	\$ 2,996,394	\$ 2,915,308
<u>General Revenues</u>		
Lease revenues	16,833	8,504
Miscellaneous revenues	46,391	46,573
Investment earnings	63,607	41,855
Total Revenues	<u>3,123,225</u>	<u>3,012,240</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
General government	335,160	272,132
Physical environment	969,346	956,042
Culture/recreation	1,870,920	1,946,434
Interest and other charges	130,052	150,240
Total Expenses	<u>3,305,478</u>	<u>3,324,848</u>
Transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>21,864</u>
Change in Net Position	(182,253)	(290,744)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>8,477,067</u>	<u>8,767,811</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 8,294,814</u>	<u>\$ 8,477,067</u>

The increase in charges for services for governmental activities is related to the increase in special assessments and usage fees in the current year.

The increase in general government is primarily related to the increase in engineering and legal fees in the current year.

The increase in physical environment is related to the increase in repair and maintenance expenses in the current year.

The decrease in culture/recreation is related to the decrease in special events and repair and maintenance expenses in the current year.

The decrease in interest and other charges is related to the reduction in total outstanding principal on long-term debt.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Activity

The following schedule provides a summary of the District's capital assets as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 2,692,929	\$ 2,692,929
Infrastructure	22,045,230	22,045,230
Equipment	802,407	802,407
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,616,897)</u>	<u>(14,784,270)</u>
Total Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$ 9,923,669</u>	<u>\$ 10,756,296</u>

Current year activity consisted of depreciation of \$832,627.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures primarily because special events and access control system costs were less than anticipated.

The September 30, 2024 budget was not amended.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- In March 2015, the District issued \$5,115,000 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A-1 and \$720,000 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A-2. The Bonds were issued to refund the Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, and Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2024 totaled \$2,620,000.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Lake Ashton Community Development District does not anticipate any economic factors to have a significant impact on operations in fiscal year 2025.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Lake Ashton Community Development District's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Lake Ashton Community Development District, c/o Governmental Management Services, 5385 N Nob Hill Road, Sunrise, Florida, 33351.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 81,177
Investments	692,348
Accounts receivable	1,146
Accrued interest receivable	1,704
Assessments receivable	5,647
Lease receivable	17,382
Prepaid expenses	83,239
Total Current Assets	<u>882,643</u>
Non-Current Assets	
Lease receivable	21,713
Restricted Assets	
Investments	413,551
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	
Land	2,692,929
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	
Infrastructure	22,045,230
Equipment	802,407
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,616,897)</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>10,358,933</u>
Total Assets	<u>11,241,576</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	98,703
Unearned revenues	15,159
Deposits payable	10,025
Accrued interest	54,583
Bonds payable	250,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>428,470</u>
Non-Current Liabilities	
Bonds payable, net	<u>2,487,304</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,915,774</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Leases	<u>30,988</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	7,377,740
Restricted for debt service	171,261
Unrestricted	745,813
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 8,294,814</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues Charges for Services	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ (335,160)	\$ 350,219	\$ 15,059
Physical environment	(969,346)	91,833	(877,513)
Culture/recreation	(1,870,920)	2,028,006	157,086
Interest and other charges	(130,052)	526,336	396,284
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (3,305,478)</u>	<u>\$ 2,996,394</u>	<u>(309,084)</u>
	General Revenues		
	Lease revenues		16,833
	Miscellaneous revenues		46,391
	Investment income		63,607
	Total General Revenues		<u>126,831</u>
	Change in Net Position		(182,253)
	Net Position - October 1, 2023		<u>8,477,067</u>
	Net Position - September 30, 2024		<u>\$ 8,294,814</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2024

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 74,660	\$ -	\$ 6,517	\$ 81,177
Investments	36,005	-	656,343	692,348
Due from other funds	1,707	1,053	-	2,760
Accounts receivable	1,146	-	-	1,146
Assessments receivable	4,736	911	-	5,647
Accrued interest receivable	-	1,704	-	1,704
Prepaid expenses	83,239	-	-	83,239
Lease receivable	39,095	-	-	39,095
Restricted assets				
Investments	-	413,551	-	413,551
Total Assets	<u>\$ 240,588</u>	<u>\$ 417,219</u>	<u>\$ 662,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,667</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 98,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,703
Due to other funds	1,053	-	1,707	2,760
Deposits payable	10,025	-	-	10,025
Unearned revenues	15,159	-	-	15,159
Total Liabilities	<u>124,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,707</u>	<u>126,647</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Leases	<u>30,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,988</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable-prepaid expenses	83,239	-	-	83,239
Nonspendable-leases	8,107	-	-	8,107
Restricted				
Debt service	-	417,219	-	417,219
Assigned-capital projects reserve	-	-	661,153	661,153
Unassigned	(6,686)	-	-	(6,686)
Total Fund Balances	<u>84,660</u>	<u>417,219</u>	<u>661,153</u>	<u>1,163,032</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 240,588</u>	<u>\$ 417,219</u>	<u>\$ 662,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,667</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 1,163,032
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, land, \$2,692,929, infrastructure, \$22,045,230, and equipment, \$802,407, net of accumulated depreciation, \$(15,616,897), used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	9,923,669
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, \$(2,620,000), net of bond premium, net, \$(117,304), are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported at the fund level.	(2,737,304)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a current financial use and therefore, is not reported at the governmental fund level.	<u>(54,583)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 8,294,814</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 2,162,602	\$ 526,336	\$ -	\$ 2,688,938
Charges for services	307,456	-	-	307,456
Miscellaneous revenues	46,391	-	-	46,391
Lease revenues	16,833	-	-	16,833
Investment income	17,268	21,086	25,253	63,607
Total Revenues	<u>2,550,550</u>	<u>547,422</u>	<u>25,253</u>	<u>3,123,225</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	335,160	-	-	335,160
Physical environment	87,884	-	101,925	189,809
Culture/recreation	1,646,566	-	171,264	1,817,830
Debt service				
Principal	-	345,000	-	345,000
Interest	-	146,625	-	146,625
Total Expenditures	<u>2,069,610</u>	<u>491,625</u>	<u>273,189</u>	<u>2,834,424</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>480,940</u>	<u>55,797</u>	<u>(247,936)</u>	<u>288,801</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)				
Transfers in	-	-	449,420	449,420
Transfers out	(449,420)	-	-	(449,420)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(449,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>449,420</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	31,520	55,797	201,484	288,801
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>53,140</u>	<u>361,422</u>	<u>459,669</u>	<u>874,231</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 84,660</u>	<u>\$ 417,219</u>	<u>\$ 661,153</u>	<u>\$ 1,163,032</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 288,801
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount of depreciation in the current period.	(832,627)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure at the governmental fund level, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	345,000
Bond premium does not utilize current resources and therefore, is amortized over the life of the bonds as interest expense at the government-wide level. This is the current year amortization.	9,385
At the fund level interest is recognized when due. At the government-wide level interest is accrued on outstanding debt. This is the change in accrued interest.	<u>7,188</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (182,253)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 2,145,886	\$ 2,145,886	\$2,162,602	\$ 16,716
Charges for services	300,000	300,000	307,456	7,456
Miscellaneous revenues	5,000	5,000	46,391	41,391
Lease revenues	19,600	19,600	16,833	(2,767)
Investment income	8,000	8,000	17,268	9,268
Total Revenues	<u>2,478,486</u>	<u>2,478,486</u>	<u>2,550,550</u>	<u>72,064</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	318,403	318,403	335,160	(16,757)
Physical environment	100,966	100,966	87,884	13,082
Culture/recreation	1,758,142	1,758,142	1,646,566	111,576
Total Expenditures	<u>2,177,511</u>	<u>2,177,511</u>	<u>2,069,610</u>	<u>107,901</u>
Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>300,975</u>	<u>300,975</u>	<u>480,940</u>	<u>179,965</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)				
Transfers out	<u>(449,420)</u>	<u>(449,420)</u>	<u>(449,420)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(148,445)	(148,445)	31,520	179,965
Fund Balances - October 1, 2023	<u>148,445</u>	<u>148,445</u>	<u>53,140</u>	<u>(95,305)</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 84,660</u>	<u>\$ 84,660</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Lake Ashton Community Development District (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District's more significant accounting policies are described below.

1. Reporting Entity

The District was established on August 15, 2000, as Lake Myrtle Community Development District pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), by Ordinance No. 2000-11 of the City Commissioners of Lake Wales, as a Community Development District. The name was changed to Lake Ashton Community Development District on February 12, 2001. The District was established for the purposes of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the infrastructure necessary for community development within its jurisdiction. The District is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of financing, funding, planning, establishing, acquiring, constructing district roads, landscaping, and other basic infrastructure projects within or outside the boundaries of the Lake Ashton Community Development District. The District is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Lake Ashton Community Development District (the primary government) as a stand-alone government. The reporting entity for the District includes all functions of government in which the District's Board exercises oversight responsibility including, but not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, significant ability to influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

Based upon the application of the above-mentioned criteria as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards the District has identified no component units.

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the District are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Government-wide financial statements report all non-fiduciary information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the governmental activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Governmental activities are primarily supported by special assessments and charges for services. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the statement of activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as an other financing source.

Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as an expenditure.

b. Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the District is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the primary government's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

The District reports fund balance according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54 – Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. The Statement requires the fund balance for governmental funds to be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The District has various policies governing the fund balance classifications.

Nonspendable Fund Balance – This classification consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification consists of the Board of Supervisors' intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The assigned fund balances can also be assigned by the District's management company.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This classification is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned fund balance is considered to be utilized first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Fund Balance Spending Hierarchy – For all governmental funds except special revenue funds, when restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are combined in a fund, qualified expenditures are paid first from restricted or committed fund balance, as appropriate, then assigned and finally unassigned fund balances.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon 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 generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be an accrual item and so has been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of “available spendable resources”.

Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of “available spendable resources” during a period.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by non-current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources are expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability.

Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

3. Basis of Presentation

a. Governmental Major 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 debt service requirements to retire the Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the acquisition and construction of infrastructure improvements located within the District.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as capital outlay, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as capital improvement bonds, be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

4. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

a. Cash and Investments

Florida Statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with financial institutions classified as "Qualified Public Depositories," a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral from their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits.

The District is authorized to invest in those financial instruments as established by Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The authorized investments consist of:

1. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury;
2. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperative Act of 1969;
3. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in authorized qualified public depositories;
4. Securities and Exchange Commission, registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

Cash and investments include time deposits, certificates of deposit, money market funds, and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

b. Restricted Assets

Certain net position of the District are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position because their use is limited either by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors. In a fund with both restricted and unrestricted net position, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net position and then from unrestricted net position.

c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, infrastructure and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities and business-type activities columns.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. The valuation basis for all assets is historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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:

Equipment	10 years
Infrastructure	20-30 years

d. Leases

The District determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Lessor arrangements are included as lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources. Payments collected for short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less are recognized as miscellaneous revenues as received. The District has a \$25,000 threshold, for total lease receipts, for leases subject to GASB 87. Short-term leases and leases under the threshold are not included on the statement of net position in the financial statements of the District. These District's leases are reflected in the statement of net position and fund financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

e. Bond Premiums

Bond premiums associated with the issuance of bonds are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method of accounting.

f. Budgets

Budgets are prepared and adopted after public hearings for the governmental funds, pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. The District utilizes the same basis of accounting for budgets 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 and debt service funds. As a result, deficits in the budget columns of the accompanying financial statements may occur.

g. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future reporting period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The District only has one time that qualifies for reporting in the category. Unavailable revenues are reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that amounts become available.

NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

“Total fund balances” of the District’s governmental funds, \$1,163,032, differs from “net position” of governmental activities, \$8,294,814, reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated below:

Lake Ashton Community Development District
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NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position (Continued)

Capital related items

When capital assets are purchased or constructed, the cost of those assets is reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the Statement of Net Position included those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole.

Land	\$ 2,692,929
Infrastructure	22,045,230
Equipment	802,407
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,616,897)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,923,669</u>

Long-term debt transactions

Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Balances at September 30, 2024 were:

Bonds payable	\$ (2,620,000)
Bond premium, net	<u>(117,304)</u>
Bonds payable, net	<u>\$ (2,737,304)</u>

Accrued interest

Accrued liabilities in the Statement of Net Position differ from the amount reported at the governmental fund level due to the accrued interest on bonds.

Accrued interest	<u>\$ (54,583)</u>
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Lake Ashton Community Development District
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NOTE B – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The “net change in fund balances” for government funds, \$288,801, differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities, \$(182,253), reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below:

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net position decreases by the amount of depreciation charged for the year.

Depreciation	<u>\$ (832,627)</u>
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Long-term debt transactions

When long-term debt is issued for governmental activities, the resources obtained are recognized as an other financing source at the fund level. At the government-wide level, however, the new debt increases non-current liabilities. Also, interest is recognized when due at the fund level, but is accrued at the government-wide level.

Principal payments	<u>\$ 345,000</u>
Amortization of bond premium	<u>\$ 9,385</u>
Accrued interest	<u>\$ 7,188</u>

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NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits are held in qualified public depositories and are included on the accompanying balance sheet as cash and investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk, however, they follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2024, the District's bank balance was \$99,807 and the carrying value was \$81,177. Exposure to custodial credit risk was as follows. The District maintains all deposits in a qualified public depository in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, which means that all deposits are fully insured by Federal Depositors Insurance or collateralized under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Investments

As of September 30, 2024, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Florida PRIME	39 Days*	\$ 692,348
U S Bank Money Market	N/A	413,551
Total		<u>\$ 1,105,899</u>

*Weighted average maturity

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy recently established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The District uses a market approach in measuring fair value that uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or similar assets, liabilities, or groups of assets and liabilities.

Assets or liabilities are classified into one of three levels. Level 1 is the most reliable and is based on quoted price for identical assets, or liabilities, in an active market. Level 2 uses significant other observable inputs when obtaining quoted prices for identical or similar assets, or liabilities, in markets that are not active. Level 3 is the least reliable and uses significant unobservable inputs that use the best information available under the circumstances, which includes the District's own data in measuring unobservable inputs.

Based on the criteria in the preceding paragraph, the investments in U S Bank Money Market are Level 1 assets.

Lake Ashton Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

The District's investment policy allows management to invest funds in investments permitted under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The investment in Florida PRIME is measured at amortized cost. Florida PRIME has established policies and guidelines regarding participant transactions and the authority to limit or restrict withdrawals or impose a penalty for an early withdrawal. As of September 30, 2024, there were no redemption fees, maximum transaction amounts, or any other requirement that would limit daily access to 100 percent of the account value.

Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The District's investments are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. As of September 30, 2024, the District's investment in Florida PRIME was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. The District's investment in U S Bank Money Market was not rated.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investments in Florida PRIME represent 63% of the District's total investments and U S Bank Money Market represent 37% of the District's total investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2024 were typical of these items during the fiscal year then ended.

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NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2024
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,692,929	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,692,929
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure	22,045,230	-	-	22,045,230
Equipment	802,407	-	-	802,407
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	22,847,637	-	-	22,847,637
Less accumulated depreciation				
Infrastructure	(14,211,867)	(779,537)	-	(14,991,404)
Equipment	(572,403)	(53,090)	-	(625,493)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(14,784,270)	(832,627)	-	(15,616,897)
Total Capital Assets Depreciated, net	8,063,367	(832,627)	-	7,230,740
 Governmental Activities Capital Assets	 \$ 10,756,296	 \$ (832,627)	 \$ -	 \$ 9,923,669

Depreciation of \$779,537 was charged to physical environment and \$53,090 was charged to culture/recreation.

NOTE E – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Interfund balances at September 30, 2024, consisted for the following:

	Payable Fund		
		Capital	
Receivable Fund	General Fund	Projects Fund	Total
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,707	\$ 1,707
Debt Service Fund	1,053	-	1,053
Total	\$ 1,053	\$ 1,707	\$ 2,760

The General Fund and Capital Projects Fund balance relates to expenditure paid by one funds on behalf another and were not repaid as of year-end. The General Fund and Debt Service Fund balance relates to assessments collected in General Fund on behalf of the Debt Service Fund that were not yet remitted to the Debt Service Fund as of year-end.

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NOTE E – INTERFUND ACTIVITY (CONTINUED)

Interfund transfers for the year ended September 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
	\$ 449,420

Transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund are related to budgeted capital reserve funding for the fiscal year.

NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity for long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2024:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2023	\$ 2,965,000
Principal payments	<u>(345,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2024	2,620,000
Bond premium, net	<u>117,304</u>
Long-term debt, net at September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 2,737,304</u>

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds

\$5,115,000 Series 2015A-1 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds due in annual principal installments beginning May 1, 2016 and maturing May 1, 2032. Interest is due semi-annually each May 1 and November 1, at an interest rate of 5.0%. Current portion is \$230,000.

\$ 2,225,000

\$720,000 Series 2015A-2 Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds due in annual principal installments beginning May 1, 2016 and maturing May 1, 2037. Interest is due semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, at an interest rate of 5.0%. Current portion is \$20,000.

\$ 395,000

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NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of bonded debt outstanding as of September 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 250,000	\$ 131,000	\$ 381,000
2026	270,000	118,500	388,500
2027	280,000	105,000	385,000
2028	295,000	91,000	386,000
2029	310,000	76,250	386,250
2030-2034	1,100,000	149,250	1,249,250
2035-2037	115,000	11,750	126,750
Totals	<u>\$ 2,620,000</u>	<u>\$ 682,750</u>	<u>\$ 3,302,750</u>

Summary of Significant Bonds Resolution Terms and Covenants

The Series 2015A Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the District prior to their maturity, in whole or in part, at any time on or after May 1, 2025 at the redemption price of the principal amount being redeemed, together with accrued interest to the date of redemption. The Series 2015A Bonds are subject to extraordinary mandatory redemption prior to maturity in the manner determined by the Bond Registrar if certain events occurred as outlined in the Trust Indenture.

The Trust Indenture established certain amounts be maintained in a reserve account. In addition, the Trust Indenture has certain restrictions and requirements relating to the procedures to be followed by the District on assessments to property owners. The District agrees to levy special assessments in annual amounts adequate to provide payment of debt service and to meet the reserve requirements.

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NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

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 Series 2015A Reserve Account was funded from the proceeds of the Series 2015A Bonds in an amount equal to 50% of the maximum annual debt service outstanding on the Series 2015A Bonds. Monies held in the reserve account will be used only for the purposes established in the Trust Indenture.

The following is a schedule of required reserve deposits as of September 30, 2024:

	Reserve Balance	Reserve Requirement
Series 2015A Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds	\$ 195,938	\$ 191,375

NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage over the past three years.

NOTE H – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In November 2024 and May 2025, the District made prepayments on the Series 2015 A-1 Bonds of \$100,000 and \$70,000, respectively. Likewise, in May 2025 the District made prepayments on the Series 2015 A-2 Bonds in the amount of \$10,000.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

To the Board of Supervisors
Lake Ashton Community Development District
Lake Wales, 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, as listed in the table of contents, of Lake Ashton Community Development District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Lake Ashton Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Lake Ashton Community Development District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lake Ashton 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that 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 these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.



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To the Board of Supervisors
Lake Ashton Community Development District

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lake Ashton 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*.

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 results 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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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Supervisors
Lake Ashton Community Development District
Lake Wales, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Lake Ashton Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2025.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States 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 on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and our Independent Auditor's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professionals Standards, AT-C Section 315 regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in that report, which is dated June 10, 2025, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been made to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding financial audit report.



To the Board of Supervisors
Lake Ashton Community Development District

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not Lake Ashton Community Development District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Lake Ashton Community Development District has not met one of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial conditions assessment procedures as of September 30, 2024 for the Lake Ashton Community Development District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Lake Ashton Community Development District's financial condition; our financial condition assessment was based in part on the representations made by management and the review of the financial information provided by the same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Specific Information

The information below was provided by management and has not been audited by us; therefore, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)7, Rules of the Auditor General, Lake Ashton Community Development District reported:

- 1) The total number of District elected officials receiving statutory compensation, reported as employees for the purposes of the audit: 3
- 2) The total number of independent contractors, defined as individuals or entities that receive 1099s, to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year: 33
- 3) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$7,500
- 4) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency: \$3,609,362.97
- 5) Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1, 2023, together with the total expenditures for such project: N/A
- 6) A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes: The budget was not amended.



To the Board of Supervisors
Lake Ashton Community Development District

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)9, Rules of the Auditor General, the Lake Ashton Community Development District reported:

- 1) The rate or rates of non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by the District: \$2,379.00 - \$9,530.40.
- 2) The amount of special assessments collected by or on behalf of the District was \$2,688,938.
- 3) The total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the District and the terms of such bonds as: There were no new bonds issued by the District. The bonds outstanding are \$2,225,000 Series 2015 A-1 due on May 1, 2032 at an interest rate of 5.0%, and \$395,000 Series 2015 A-2 due on May 1, 2037 at an interest rate of 5.0%.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or fraud, waste, or abuse, that has occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that has 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 note 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, the Board of Supervisors, 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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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT/COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

To the Board of Supervisors
Lake Ashton Community Development District
Lake Wales, Florida

We have examined Lake Ashton Community Development District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes during the year ended September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for Lake Ashton Community Development District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Lake Ashton Community Development 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 Lake Ashton Community Development 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 Lake Ashton Community Development District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Lake Ashton Community Development District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the year ended September 30, 2024.

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June 10, 2025