



***BEACH COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT***

***Agenda Package***

***Audit Committee  
Meeting***

***Date & Time:***

***Monday,  
September 19, 2022  
6:00 PM***

***12788 Meritage Blvd.,  
Jacksonville, FL 32246***

Note: The Advanced Meeting Package is a working document, and all materials are considered **DRAFTS** prior to presentation and Board acceptance, approval, or adoption.



## Beach Community Development District

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Board of Supervisors  
**Beach Community Development District**

Dear Audit Committee:

The Audit Committee Meeting of the Audit Committee of the Beach CDD is scheduled for **Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at 12788 Meritage Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32246.**

The advanced copy of the agenda for the meeting is attached, along with associated documentation for your consideration. Any additional support material will be forward to you under separate cover or distributed at the meeting.

The balance of the agenda is routine in nature and staff will present their reports at the meeting. In the meantime if you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*David McInnes*

David McInnes  
District Manager

Enclosure

Cc: District Attorney  
District Engineer  
District Records

District: **BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Date of Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 12788 Meritage Blvd.,  
Jacksonville, FL 32246

Call-in Number: +1 (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 7055714830#

***Audit Committee Agenda***

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Audience Comments** – *(limited to 3 minutes per individual)*

**III. Business Items**

A. Consideration for Approval - The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting Held July 18, 2022

[Exhibit 1](#)

B. Ranking of Audit Proposals

1. **Summary & Criteria Evaluation**

[Exhibit 2](#)

2. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, PA

[Exhibit 3](#)

C. Audit Committees Recommendations for Auditor Services

**IV. Adjournment**

# EXHIBIT 1

1 **MINUTES OF MEETING**

2 **BEACH**

3 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

4 The Audit Committee Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Beach Community Development  
5 District was held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:40 p.m., at 12788 Meritage Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida  
6 32246, with Zoom Conference Call available.

7 **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS – Roll Call**

8 Mr. McInnes called the meeting to order and conducted roll call.

9 Present and constituting a quorum were:

10 Susan Shemanski	Finance Task Force, Spokesperson
11 John Monaghan	Finance Task Force, Member
12 Daniel Kadosh	Finance Task Force, Member
13 Joseph Bolton	Finance Task Force, Member

14 Also present were:

15 Howard McGaffney	District Manager, DPFG Management and Consulting
16 David McInnes	Assistant District Manager, DPFG Management and Consulting
17 Stephen Kounoupas	Board Supervisor, Chairman
18 Matt Calderaro	Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman
19 Sheila Papelbon <i>(via phone)</i>	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
20 Robert Renn	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
21 Wes Haber <i>(via phone)</i>	District Counsel, Kutak Rock LLP
22 Ross Ruben	Vesta Property Services
23 Dana Harden	Vesta Property Services
24 Elizabeth Myers	Vesta Property Services
25 Ron Zastrocky	Vesta Property Services
26 Jake Card	Advanced Security Specialist & Consulting
27 Cindy Rosborough	Resident
28 Don Rosborough	Resident
29 Dave Putman <i>(via phone)</i>	Resident

30 *The following is a summary of the discussions and actions taken at the July 18, 2022 Beach CDD Board of*  
31 *Supervisors Regular Meeting. Due to technical difficulties, the full audio of the meeting was unable to be*  
32 *obtained.*

33 **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS – Audience Comments – (limited to 3 minutes per individual for**  
34 **agenda items)**

35 There being none, the next item followed.

36 **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS – Administrative Items**

37 A. Exhibit 1: Review of RFP and Evaluation Criteria

38 Following discussion, the Audit Committee approved assigning 10 points to the Ability of  
39 Personnel, 20 points to Proposer’s Experience, 20 points to Understanding Scope of Work, 20  
40 points to the Ability to Furnish the Required Services, and 30 points to Price.

41 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS – Business Items**

42 A. Exhibit 2: Authorization to Proceed with Publications of RFP

43 The Audit Committee approved the authorization to proceed with publications of RFP.

44 B. Scheduling of Next Meeting Date – September 19, 2022

45 Ms. Shemanski stated that she would be unable to attend the September meeting. Mr. McGaffney  
46 noted that another individual could be nominated to act as the Spokesperson for the next meeting.  
47 In response to a question from Mr. McGaffney, Mr. Haber indicated that the Audit Committee were  
48 permitted to fill out the ranking sheets together or individually. The Audit Committee agreed to  
49 meet on September 19, 2022.

50 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS – Adjournment**

51 Mr. McInnes asked for final questions, comments, or corrections before requesting a motion to  
52 adjourn the meeting. There being none, Ms. Shemanski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

53 On a MOTION by Ms. Shemanski, SECONDED by Mr. Monaghan, WITH ALL IN FAVOR, the Board  
54 adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. for the Beach Community Development District.

55 *\*Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered*  
56 *at the meeting is advised that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made,*  
57 *including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.*

58 **Meeting minutes were approved at a meeting by vote of the Board of Supervisors at a publicly noticed**  
59 **meeting held on September 19, 2022.**

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61 \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_   
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

62 Title:  Secretary  Assistant Secretary

Title:  Chairman  Vice Chairman

## EXHIBIT 2

**BEACH - AUDITOR EVALUATION**

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Ability of Personnel 10 Pts.	Proposer Experience 20 Pts	Understanding Scope of Work 20 Pts	Ability to Furnish Required Service 20 Pts	Price 30 Points	TOTAL POINTS
<b>DMHB</b>									



**AUDITOR SELECTION  
EVALUATION CRITERIA (PRICE FACTORED IN)**

**1. *Ability of Personnel* (10 points)**

(E.g., geographic locations of the firm’s headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project, capabilities and experience of key personnel, present ability to manage this project, evaluation of existing workload, proposed staffing levels, etc.)

**2. *Proposer’s Experience* (20 points)**

(E.g., past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other Community Development Districts in other contracts; character, integrity, and reputation of respondent; etc.)

**3. *Understanding of Scope of Work* (20 points)**

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District’s needs for the services requested.

**4. *Ability to Furnish the Required Services* (20 points)**

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of the Proposer’s financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required (E.g., the existence of any natural disaster plan for business operations).

**5. *Price* (30 points)**

Points will be awarded based upon the price bid for the rendering of the services and reasonableness of the price to the services.

# EXHIBIT 3

# Beach Community Development District

<b>Proposer</b>
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**DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.**  
**Certified Public Accountants**

**2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200**  
**Fort Pierce, Florida 34950**  
**(772) 461-8833**

**591 SE Port St. Lucie Boulevard**  
**Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34984**  
**(772) 878-1952**

**Contact:**

**Jim Hartley, CPA**  
**Principal**

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Beach  
Community Development District  
Audit Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members:

We are pleased to have this opportunity to present the qualifications of DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. (DMHB) to serve as Beach Community Development District's independent auditors. The audit is a significant engagement demanding various professional resources, governmental knowledge and expertise, and, most importantly, experience serving Florida local governments. DMHB understands the services required and is committed to performing these services within the required time frame. We have the staff available to complete this engagement in a timely fashion. We audit several entities across the State making it feasible to schedule and provide services at the required locations.

***Proven Track Record***—Our clients know our people and the quality of our work. We have always been responsive, met deadlines, and been willing to go the extra mile with the objective of providing significant value to mitigate the cost of the audit. This proven track record of successfully working together to serve governmental clients will enhance the quality of services we provide.

***Experience***—DMHB has a history of providing quality professional services to an impressive list of public sector clients in Florida. We currently serve a large number of public sector entities in Florida, including cities, villages, special districts, as well as a large number of community development districts. Our firm has performed in excess of 100 community development district audits. In addition, our senior management team members have between 25 and 35 years experience in serving Florida governments. DMHB is a recognized leader in providing services to governmental and non-profit agencies within the State of Florida. Through our experience in performing audits, we have been able to increase our audit efficiency and therefore reduce cost. We have continually passed this cost saving on to our clients and will continue to do so in the future. As a result of our experience and expertise, we have developed an effective and efficient audit approach designed to meet or exceed the performance specifications in accordance with audit 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 with minimal disruption to your operations. Our firm has frequent technical updates to keep our personnel informed and up to date on all changes that are occurring within the industry.

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***Timeliness*** – In order to meet the Districts needs, we will perform interim internal control testing by January 31<sup>st</sup> from unaudited preliminary general ledgers provided. The remaining testing will be completed no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also review all minutes and subsequent needs related to the review of the minutes by January 31st. Follow up review will be completed as necessary.

***Communication and Knowledge Sharing***— Another driving force behind our service approach is frequent, candid and open communication with management with no surprises. During the course of the audit, we will communicate with management on a regular basis to provide you with a status report on the audit and to discuss any issues that arise, potential management letter comments, or potential audit differences.

In the accompanying proposal, you will find additional information upon which you can evaluate DMHB's qualifications. Our full team is in place and waiting to serve you. Please contact us at 2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200 Fort Pierce, FL 34950. Our phone number is (772) 461-8833. We look forward to further discussion on how our team can work together with you.

Very truly yours,



DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. is a local public accounting firm with offices in the cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. The firm was formed in 1982.

### ➤ *Professional Staff Resources*

Our services will be delivered through personnel in both our Port St. Lucie and Ft. Pierce offices, located at 591 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984 and 2222 Colonial Road, Suite 200, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950, respectively. DMHB has a total of 19 professional staff including 9 with extensive experience serving governmental entities.

<b>Professional Staff Classification</b>	<b>Number of Professionals</b>
Partner	4
Managers	2
Senior	2
Staff	11
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DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax litigation support, estate planning, and consulting services. Some of the governmental, non-profit accounting, auditing and advisory services currently provided to clients include:

- Annual financial and compliance audits including Single Audits of State and Federal financial assistance programs under the OMB A-133 audit criteria
- Issuance of Comfort Letters, consent letters, and parity certificates in conjunction with the issuance of tax-exempt debt obligations, including compiling financial data and interim period financial statement reviews
- Assisting in compiling historical financial data for first-time and subsequent submissions for the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

### ➤ *Professional Staff Resources (Continued)*

- Audits of franchise fees received from outside franchisees
- Preparation of annual reports to the State Department of Banking and Finance
- Audits of Internal Controls – Governmental Special Project
- Assistance with Implementation of current GASB pronouncements

### ➤ *Current and Near Future Workload*

In order to better serve and provide timely and informative financial data, we have comprised an experienced audit team. Our present and future workloads will permit the proposed audit team to perform these audits within the time schedule required and meet all deadlines.

### ➤ *Identification of Audit Team*

The team is composed of people who are experienced, professional, and creative. They fully understand your business and will provide you with reliable opinions. In addition, they will make a point to maintain ongoing dialogue with each other and management about the status of our services.

The auditing firm you select is only as good as the people who serve you. We are extremely proud of the outstanding team we have assembled for your engagement. Our team brings many years of relevant experience coupled with the technical skill, knowledge, authority, dedication, and most of all, the commitment you need to meet your government reporting obligations and the challenges that will result from the changing accounting standards.

A flow chart of the audit team and brief resumes detailing individual team members' experience in each of the relevant areas follow.

**Jim Hartley, CPA** – Engagement Partner (resume attached)  
Will assist in the field as main contact

**Jay McBee, CPA** – Technical Reviewer (resume attached)

**Theresa Goldstein** - Senior (resume attached)

Staff – TBA



## **Jim Hartley**

*Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*

### **Experience and Training**

Jim has over 25 years of public accounting experience and would serve as the engagement partner. His experience and training include:

- 25 years of non-profit and governmental experience.
- Specializing in serving entities ranging from Government to Associations and Special District audits.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities.
- Has extensive experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines.
- Experienced in maintaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.
- 120 hours of CPE credits over the past 3 years.

### **Recent Engagements**

Has provided audit services on governmental entities including towns, villages, cities, counties, special districts and community development districts. Jim has assisted with financial statement preparation, system implementation, and a variety of services to a wide range of non-profit and governmental entities. Jim currently provides internal audit and consulting services to governmental entities and non-profit agencies to assist in implementing and maintaining “best practice” accounting policies and procedures. Jim provides auditing services to the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, St. Lucie County Fire District, City of Port St. Lucie, Tradition CDD #1 – 10, Southern Groves CDD #1-6, Multiple CDD audits, Town of St. Lucie Village, Town of Sewall’s Point, Town of Jupiter Island along with several other entities, including Condo and Homeowner Associations.

### **Education and Registrations**

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting – Sterling College.
- Certified Public Accountant

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association

### **Volunteer Service**

- Treasurer & Executive Board - St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce
- Budget Advisory Board - St. Lucie County School District
- Past Treasurer - Exchange Club for Prevention of Child Abuse & Exchange Foundation Board
- Board of Directors – State Division of Juvenile Justice

## **Jay L. McBee**

*Partner – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*

### **Experience and Training**

Jay has over 35 years of public accounting experience and would serve as the technical reviewer on the audit. His experience and training include:

- 35 years of government experience.
- Specializing in serving local government entities.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities including counties, cities, special districts, and school districts.
- Has experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, including Circular A-133 and the Rules of the Auditor General.
- Has extensive experience in performing pension audits.
- Experienced in developing and maintaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.
- 120 Hours of relevant government CPE credits over the past 3 years.
- Experience in municipal bond and other governmental-financing options and offerings.

### **Recent Engagements**

Has provided auditing services on local governmental entities including towns, villages, cities, counties, special district and community development districts. Jay has assisted with financial preparation, system implementation, and a variety of government services to a wide range of governmental entities. Jay currently provides auditing services to the City of Port St. Lucie, City of Okeechobee Pension Trust Funds, St. Lucie County Fire District Pension funds, along with several other non-profit and governmental entities.

### **Education and Registrations**

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Quantitative Business Management – West Virginia University.
- Certified Public Accountant

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association

### **Volunteer Service**

- Member of the St. Lucie County Citizens Budget Committee
- Finance committee for the First United Methodist Church
- Treasurer of Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County

## **Theresa Goldstein**

*Supervisor – DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*

### **Experience and training**

Theresa has over 15 years of public accounting experience and would serve as the supervisor for the Constitutional Officers. Her experience and training include:

- 15 years of government experience.
- Specializing in serving local government entities.
- Has performed audits and advisory services for a variety of public sector entities including counties, cities, towns and special districts.
- Has extensive experience performing audits of federal grant recipients in accordance with the Single Audit Act and the related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, including Circular A-133 and the Rules of the Auditor General.
- Experienced in maintaining the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.
- 100 hours of relevant government CPE credits over the past 3 years.

### **Recent Engagements**

Has provided audit services on governmental entities including towns, villages, cities, counties, special districts and community development districts. Theresa has assisted with financial statement preparation, system implementation, and a variety of services to a wide range of non-profit and governmental entities. Theresa currently provides internal audit and consulting services to multiple agencies to assist in implementing and maintaining “best practice” accounting policies and procedures. Engagements include City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County Fire District, Town of Sewall’s Point, Town of Jupiter Island, Multiple CDD audits, Tradition CDD #1-10, Southern Groves CDD #1-6 and Town of St. Lucie Village.

### **Education and Registrations**

- Bachelor of Science in Finance – University of Central Florida
- Masters of Business Administration with concentration in Accounting – Bryant College

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Associate Member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

### ➤ *Governmental Audit Experience*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A., through its principals and members, has provided continuous in-depth professional accounting, auditing, and consulting services to local government units, nonprofit organizations, and commercial clients. Our professionals have developed considerable expertise in performing governmental audits and single audits and in preparing governmental financial statements in conformance with continually evolving GASB pronouncements, statements, and interpretations. All of the public sector entities we serve annually are required to be in accordance with GASB pronouncements and government auditing standards. We currently perform several Federal and State single audits in compliance with OMB Circular A-133 and under the Florida Single Audit Act. Our professionals are also experienced in assisting their clients with preparing Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (GFOA).

All work performed by our firm is closely supervised by experienced certified public accountants. Only our most seasoned CPA's perform consulting services. Some of the professional accounting, auditing, and management consulting services currently provided to our local governmental clients include:

- Annual financial and compliance audits including Single Audits of State and Federal financial assistance programs under OMB A-133 audit criteria and the Florida Single Audit Act
- Assisting in compiling historical financial data for first-time and supplemental submissions for GFOA Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- Audits of franchise fees received from outside franchisees
- Assistance with Implementation of GASB-34
- Internal audit functions
- Fixed assets review and updating cost/depreciation allocations and methods

## ADDITIONAL DATA

### ➤ *Procedures for Ensuring Quality Control & Confidentiality*

Quality control in any CPA firm can never be taken for granted. It requires a continuing commitment to professional excellence. DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes is formally dedicated to that commitment.

In an effort to continue to maintain the standards of working excellence required by our firm, DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A. joined the Quality Review Program of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. To be a participating member firm, a firm must obtain an independent compliance review of its quality control policies and procedures to ascertain the firm's compliance with existing auditing standards on the applicable engagements. The scope of peer review is comprehensive in that it specifically reviews the following quality control policies and procedures of the participating firm:

- Professional, economic, and administrative independence
- Assignment of professional personnel to engagements
- Consultation on technical matters
- Supervision of engagement personnel
- Hiring and employment of personnel
- Professional development
- Advancement
- Acceptance and continuance of clients
- Inspection and review system

### ➤ *Independence*

Independence is a hallmark of our profession. We encourage our staff to use professional judgment in situations where our independence could be impaired or the perception of a conflict of interest might exist. In the governmental sector, public perception is as important as professional standards. Therefore, independent auditors must exercise utmost care in the performance of their duties.

Our firm has provided continuous certified public accounting services in the government sector for 31 years, and we are independent of the Community Development Districts as defined by the following rules, regulations, and standards:

## ADDITIONAL DATA (CONTINUED)

### ➤ *Independence (Continued)*

- Au Section 220 – Statements on Auditing Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ET Sections 101 and 102 – Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Chapter 21A-21, Florida Administrative Code
- Section 473.315, Florida Statutes
- Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States

### ➤ *Computer Auditing Capabilities*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes' strong computer capabilities as demonstrated by our progressive approach to computer auditing and extensive use of microcomputers. Jay McBee is the MIS partner for DMHB. Jay has extensive experience in auditing and evaluating various computer systems and would provide these services in this engagement.

We view the computer operation as an integral part of its accounting systems. We would evaluate the computer control environment to:

- Understand the computer control environment's effect on internal controls
- Conclude on whether aspects of the environment require special audit attention
- Make preliminary determination of comments for inclusion in our management letter

*This evaluation includes:*

- System hardware and software
- Organization and administration
- Access

## Contracts of Similar Nature within References

Client	Years	Annual Audit In Accordance With GAAS	Engagement Partner	Incl. Utility Audit/ Consulting	GFOA Cert.	GASB 34 Implementation & Assistance	Total Hours
St. Lucie County Fire District Karen Russell, Clerk-Treasurer (772)462-2300	1984 - Current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>			√	<b>250-300</b>
City of Fort Pierce Johnna Morris, Finance Director (772)-460-2200	2005-current	√	<b>Mark Barnes</b>		√	√	<b>800</b>
Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Nina Hurtubise, Finance Director (772)-466-1600	2005-current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>	√	√	√	<b>600</b>
Town of Jupiter Island Mike Ventura (772)-545-0104	2010		<b>Jim Hartley</b>	√			<b>200</b>
Town of Sewall's Point Pamela Walker (772) 287-2455	2010	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>			√	<b>225</b>
Town of St. Lucie Village Diane Robertson, Town Clerk (772) 595-0663	1999 – current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>			√	<b>100</b>
City of Okeechobee Pension Trust Funds Marita Rice, Supervisor of Finance (863)763-9460	1998 – current	√	<b>Jay McBee</b>				<b>60</b>
St. Lucie County Fire District 175 Pension Trust Fund Chris Bushman , Captain (772) 462-2300	1990 – current	√	<b>Jay McBee</b>				<b>60</b>
Tradition Community Development District 1-10 Alan Mishlove, District Finance Manager (407)382-3256	2002 - current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>			√	<b>350</b>
Legends Bay Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>				<b>50</b>
Union Park Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>				<b>50</b>
Deer Island Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>				<b>50</b>
Park Creek Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>				<b>50</b>
Waterleaf Community Development District Patricia Comings-Thibault (321)263-0132	2013-current	√	<b>Jim Hartley</b>				<b>50</b>

## TECHNICAL APPROACH

### **a. *An Express Agreement to Meet or Exceed the Performance Specifications.***

1. The audit will be conducted in compliance with the following requirements:
  - a. Rules of the Auditor General for form and content of governmental audits
  - b. Regulations of the State Department of Banking and Finance
  - c. Audits of State and Local Governmental Units-American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
2. The audit report shall contain the opinion of the auditor in reference to all financial statements, and an opinion reflecting compliance with applicable legal provisions.
3. We will also provide the required copies of the audit report, the management letter, any related reports on internal control weaknesses and one copy of the adjusting journal entries and financial work papers.
4. The auditor shall, at no additional charge, make all related work papers available to any Federal or State agency upon request in accordance with Federal and State Laws and Regulations.
5. We will work in cooperation with the District, its underwriters and bond council in regard to any bond issues that may occur during the term of the contract.
6. The financial statements shall be prepared in conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34, 63 and 65.

We will commit to issuing the audit for each Fiscal year by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. In order to ensure this we will perform interim internal control testing as required by January 31<sup>st</sup> from unaudited preliminary general ledgers provided. The remaining testing will be completed no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also review all minutes and subsequent needs related to the review of the minutes by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Follow up review will be completed as necessary.





**b. SPECIFIC AUDIT APPROACH**

**Our partners are not strangers who show up for an entrance conference and an exit conference.** We have developed an audit plan that allows the partners to directly supervise our staff in the field. By assigning two partners to the audit, we will have a partner on-site for a significant portion of the fieldwork. This also gives the District an additional contact individual for questions or problems that may arise during the audit.

The scope of our services will include a financial, as well as, a compliance audit of the District’s financial statements. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of local government entity audits performed in the State of Florida.

Our audit approach places emphasis on the accounting information system and how the data is recorded, rather than solely on the verification of numbers on a financial statement. This approach enables us to:

- Maximize our understanding of the District’s operating environment
- Minimize time required conducting the audit since we start with broad considerations and narrow to specific audit objectives in critical areas

Our audit approach consists of four phases encompassing our audit process:

- Planning Phase
- Detailed Audit Phase
- Closing Phase
- Reporting

**Planning Phase**

**Meetings and Expectations:**

Our first step in this phase will be to set up a planning meeting with the financial and operating management of Beach Community Development District. Our goal here is to eliminate “surprises.” By meeting with responsible officials early on we can discuss significant accounting policies, closing procedures and timetables, planned timing of our audit procedures and expectations of our work. This will also be the starting point for our discussions with management related to *SAS No. 99-Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit*. Inquiries will be made regarding managements knowledge of fraud and on management’s views regarding the risk of fraud.

## **Review Operations and Develop Engagement Plan**

It is critical that we understand the District's operating environment. To do this we will obtain and review such items as, organizational charts, recent financial statements, budget information, major contracts and lease agreements. We will also gather other information necessary to increase our understanding of the District's operations, organization, and internal control.

## **Study and Evaluate Internal Control**

As part of general planning, we will obtain an understanding and assessment of the District's control environment. This assessment involves a review of management's operating style, written internal control procedures, and the District's accounting system. The assessment is necessary to determine if we can rely on control procedures and thus reduce the extent of substantive testing.

We then test compliance with established control procedures by ascertaining that the significant strengths within the system are functioning as described to us. Generally, transactions are selected and reviewed in sufficient detail to permit us to formulate conclusions regarding compliance with control procedures and the extent of operation compliance with pertinent laws and regulations. This involves gaining an understanding of the District's procedures, laws and regulations, and testing systems for compliance by examining contracts, invoices, bid procedures, and other documents. After testing controls, we then evaluate the results of those tests and decide whether we can rely on controls and thus reduce other audit procedures.

## **Conduct Preliminary Analytical Review**

Also during the planning stage, we undertake analytical procedures that aid us in focusing our energies in the right direction. We call these analytical reviews.

A properly designed analytical review can be a very effective audit procedure in audits of governmental units. Analytical reviews consist of more than just a comparison of current-year actual results to prior-year actual results. Very effective analytical review techniques include trend analysis covering a number of years and comparisons of information not maintained totally within the financial accounting system, such as per capita information, prevailing market interest rates, housing statistics, etc.

Some examples of effective analytical reviews performed together and/or individually include:

- Comparison of current-year actual results with current-year budget for the current and past years with investigation of significant differences and/or trends
- Trend analysis of the percentage of current-year revenues to current-year rates for the current and previous years with investigation of significant changes in the collection percentage
- Trend analysis of the percentage of expenditures by function for the current and previous years with investigation of significant changes in percentages by department
- Monthly analysis of receipts compared to prior years to detect trends that may have audit implications

Conclusions reached enable us to determine the nature, timing and extent of other substantive procedures.

## Detailed Audit Phase

### **Conduct Final Risk Assessment and Prepare Audit Programs**

Risk assessment requires evaluating the likelihood of errors occurring that could have a material affect on the financial statements being audited. The conclusions we reach are based on many evaluations of internal control, systems, accounts, and transactions that occur throughout the audit. After evaluating the results of our tests of control and our final risk assessment we can develop detailed audit programs.

### **Perform Substantive Tests of Account Balances**

These tests are designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the validity of the information produced by the accounting system. Substantive tests involve such things as examining invoices supporting payments, confirmation of balances with independent parties, analytical review procedures, and physical inspection of assets. All significant accounts will be subjected to substantive procedures. Substantive tests provide direct evidence of the completeness, accuracy, and validity of data.

### **Perform Single Audit Procedures (if applicable)**

During the planning phase of the audit we will request and review schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance. These schedules will be the basis for our determination of the specific programs we will test.

In documenting our understanding of the internal control system for the financial statement audit, we will identify control activities that impact major federal and state programs as well. This will allow us to test certain controls for the financial audit and the single audit concurrently. We will then perform additional tests of controls for each federal and state program selected for testing. We will then evaluate the results of the test of controls to determine the nature, timing and extent of substantive testing necessary to determine compliance with major program requirements.

## **Perform Statutory Compliance Testing**

We have developed audit programs for Beach Community Development District designed to test Florida Statutes as required by the Auditor General. These programs include test procedures such as general inquiries, confirmation from third parties, and examination of specific documents.

### **Closing Phase**

During the closing phase we perform detail work paper reviews, request legal letters, review subsequent events and proposed audit adjustments. Communication with the client is critical in this phase to ensure that the information necessary to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has been obtained.

### **Reporting Phase**

#### **Financial Statement Preparation**

As a local firm, we spend a considerable amount of time on financial statement preparation and support. With this in mind, we can assist in certain portions of the preparation of financial statements or simply review a draft of financials prepared by your staff. We let you determine our level of involvement.

#### **Management Letters**

*We want to help you solve problems before they become major.*

Our management letters go beyond citing possible deficiencies in the District's internal control structures. They identify opportunities for increasing revenues, decreasing costs, improving management information, protecting assets and improving operational efficiency.

The diversity of experience of our personnel and their independent and objective viewpoints make the comments, observations, and conclusions presented in our management letters a valuable source of information. We have provided positive solution-oriented objective recommendations to our governmental clients regarding investments, accounting accuracy, data processing, revenue bonds, payroll, utility billing, purchasing, budgeting, risk management, and internal auditing.

This review ensures the integrity of the factual data in the management letter but does not influence or impair our independence.

#### **Exit Conferences and Delivery of Reports**

We anticipate meeting with appropriate District personnel in February and issuing the final required reports by the May meeting of each year.

**PROPOSED AUDIT FEE FOR EACH YEAR OF THE THREE YEARS**

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes P.A. will perform the annual audit of Beach Community Development District for the three years as follows:

September 30, 2022	\$ 3,250
September 30, 2023	\$ 3,450
September 30, 2024	\$ 3,650

\*Additional fees may apply in the event of newly issued debt.