

**Golden Lakes
Community Development District**

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Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Supervisors
Golden Lakes Community Development District
Polk County, Florida

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Golden Lakes Community Development District (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of September 30, 2009, the respective changes in financial position, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated July 15, 2010 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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Fort Pierce / Stuart

To the Board of Supervisors
Golden Lakes Community Development District

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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July 15, 2010

**Golden Lakes Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

Management's discussion and analysis of Golden Lakes 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 assets** and the **statement of activities**. These statements use accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. Emphasis is placed on the net assets of governmental activities and the change in net assets. Governmental activities are primarily supported by special assessments.

The **statement of net assets** presents information on all assets and liabilities of the District, with the difference between assets and liabilities reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories; 1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt, 2) restricted, and 3) unrestricted. Assets, liabilities, and net assets 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 assets. Expenses are reported by major function and program revenues relating to those functions are also 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 and interest on long-term debt.

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.

**Golden Lakes Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

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 statement* is designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business. In the government-wide statement of net assets, the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full-accrual economic resource basis, which recognizes all noncurrent assets and receivables as well as all noncurrent debt and obligations. The effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. In contrast, the governmental fund financial statements are grouped into funds to account for and to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis where as revenues are recorded when collected in the current period or within 60 days of year-end and expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred. The difference between the two statements arises primarily from the long-term economic focus of the government-wide statements versus the current financial resources focus of the fund financial statements. A reconciliation of the government-wide and the fund financial statement is proved to illustrate these differences.

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, 2009.

- ◆ The District's total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$6,317,919 (net assets). Unrestricted net assets for governmental activities were \$342,665. Invested in capital assets net of related debt for the district were \$5,975,254.
- ◆ Governmental activities revenues totaled \$625,979 while governmental activities expenses totaled \$929,070.

**Golden Lakes Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District

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

Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2009	2008
Current assets	\$ 385,237	\$ 301,658
Capital assets	6,243,254	6,662,895
Total Assets	<u>6,628,491</u>	<u>6,964,553</u>
Current liabilities	89,572	75,543
Non-Current liabilities	221,000	268,000
Total Liabilities	<u>310,572</u>	<u>343,543</u>
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,975,254	6,352,895
Net assets - unrestricted	<u>342,665</u>	<u>268,115</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 6,317,919</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,621,010</u></u>

The decrease in total assets is related to the depreciation of capital assets.

The decrease in total liabilities is related to principal payments made on the debt during the year.

**Golden Lakes Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis of the District (Continued)

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

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 620,834	\$ 596,001
General Revenues		
Investment earnings	1,625	4,901
Miscellaneous income	3,520	3,469
Total Revenues	<u>625,979</u>	<u>604,371</u>
Expenses		
General government	99,524	113,696
Physical environment	815,852	768,946
Interest on long-term debt	13,694	13,006
Total Expenses	<u>929,070</u>	<u>895,648</u>
Change in Net Assets	(303,091)	(291,277)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>6,621,010</u>	<u>6,912,287</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u><u>\$6,317,919</u></u>	<u><u>\$6,621,010</u></u>

The increase in total revenues is related to the budgeted increase in special assessments.

The increase in total expenses is due to the increase in depreciation expense.

**Golden Lakes Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

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, 2009 and 2008.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Land & improvements	\$2,050,912	\$2,050,912
Infrastructure	10,094,754	10,089,454
Equipment	15,183	-
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,917,595)</u>	<u>(5,477,471)</u>
Total Capital Assets (Net)	<u>\$6,243,254</u>	<u>\$6,662,895</u>

Capital additions of \$15,183 and \$5,300 were added to equipment and infrastructure respectively, during the year and depreciation expense totaled \$440,124.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The actual general fund expenditures were lower than budgeted amounts due primarily to anticipated repair and maintenance costs which were not required.

There were no amendments to the September 30, 2009 budget.

Debt Management

Governmental Activities debt includes the following:

- ◆ During 2007, the District entered into a \$340,000 Road Improvement Note agreement with Bank of America, N.A. to finance the cost of the acquisition, construction, installation and maintenance of road improvements. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2009 was \$268,000.

**Golden Lakes Community Development District
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Golden Lakes Community Development District does not anticipate any major projects or significant changes to its operations for the fiscal year 2010. It is anticipated that the general operations of the District will remain fairly constant.

Request for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Golden Lakes 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 Golden Lakes Community Development District, Severn Trent Management Services, 210 N. University Drive, Suite 702, Coral Springs, FL 33071.

**Golden Lakes
Community Development District
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
September 30, 2009**

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Current assets	
Cash	\$ 62,875
Accounts receivable	92
Assessments receivable	1,484
Accrued interest receivable	21
Investments	303,290
Prepaid expenses	11,806
Due from other governments	5,669
Total Current Assets	385,237
Non-Current Assets	
Capital assets, not being depreciated	
Land and improvements	2,050,912
Capital assets, being depreciated	
Infrastructure	10,094,754
Equipment	15,183
Less: accumulated depreciation	(5,917,595)
Total Non-current Assets	6,243,254
Total Assets	6,628,491
 Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	40,437
Notes payable	47,000
Accrued interest	2,135
Total Current Liabilities	89,572
Long-term Liabilities	
Notes payable	221,000
Total Liabilities	310,572
 Net Assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,975,254
Unrestricted	342,665
Total Net Assets	\$ 6,317,919

See accompanying notes.

Golden Lakes
Community Development District
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Charges for Services</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities			
General government	\$ 99,524	\$ 66,505	\$ (33,019)
Physical environment	815,852	545,178	(270,674)
Interest on long-term debt	13,694	9,151	(4,543)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 929,070</u>	<u>\$ 620,834</u>	<u>(308,236)</u>
General Revenues			
Investment earnings			1,625
Miscellaneous			3,520
Total General Revenues			<u>5,145</u>
Change in Net Assets			(303,091)
Net Assets - September 30, 2008			<u>6,621,010</u>
Net Assets - September 30, 2009			<u>\$ 6,317,919</u>

See accompanying notes.

**Golden Lakes
Community Development District
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2009**

	General Fund
Assets	
Cash	\$ 62,875
Accounts receivable	92
Assessments receivable	1,484
Accrued interest receivable	21
Prepaid expenses	11,806
Due from other governments	5,669
Investments, at fair value	303,290
Total Assets	\$ 385,237
 Liabilities and Fund Balances	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 40,437
 Fund Balances	
Unreserved and undesignated	344,800
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 385,237

See accompanying notes.

**Golden Lakes
Community Development District
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES
TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2009**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 344,800
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:	
Capital assets not being depreciated (land and improvements (\$2,050,912)) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported in the funds.	2,050,912
Capital assets being depreciated (infrastructure (\$10,094,754), and equipment (\$15,183) net of accumulated depreciation (\$5,917,595)) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported in the funds.	4,192,342
Long-term liabilities, such as notes payable (\$(268,000)), are not due and payable in the current period and; therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(268,000)
Accrued interest expense for long-term debt is not a financial use and; therefore, is not reported in the funds.	<u>(2,135)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 6,317,919</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

Golden Lakes
Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues	
Special assessments	\$ 620,834
Investment earnings	1,625
Miscellaneous	3,520
Total Revenues	<u>625,979</u>
 Expenditures	
Current	
General government	99,524
Physical environment	375,728
Capital outlay	20,483
Debt service	
Principal	42,000
Interest	14,029
Total Expenditures	<u>551,764</u>
Net change in fund balances	74,215
Fund Balances - September 30, 2008	<u>270,585</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2009	<u><u>\$ 344,800</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

**Golden Lakes
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, 2009**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 74,215
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 expense. This is the amount depreciation expense (\$440,124) exceeded capital outlay (\$20,483) in the current period.	(419,641)
Repayment of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, but such repayments reduce liabilities in the statement of net assets.	42,000
In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds; whereas in governmental funds, interest expenditures are reported when due. This is the net amount between the prior year and current year accruals.	<u>335</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (303,091)</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

**Golden Lakes
Community Development District
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Special assessments	\$ 599,703	\$ 599,703	\$ 620,834	\$ 21,131
Interest	1,000	1,000	1,625	625
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	3,520	3,520
Total Revenues	<u>600,703</u>	<u>600,703</u>	<u>625,979</u>	<u>25,276</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	109,345	109,345	99,524	9,821
Physical environment	416,331	416,331	375,728	40,603
Capital outlay	17,500	17,500	20,483	(2,983)
Debt Service				
Principal	44,000	44,000	42,000	2,000
Interest	13,527	13,527	14,029	(502)
Total Expenditures	<u>600,703</u>	<u>600,703</u>	<u>551,764</u>	<u>48,939</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	74,215	74,215
Fund Balances - September 30, 2008	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>270,585</u>	<u>270,585</u>
Fund Balances - September 30, 2009	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 344,800</u>	<u>\$ 344,800</u>

See accompanying notes.

Golden Lakes Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of 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 created in 1992 by the Polk County Commissioners, pursuant to the City Ordinance 92-29 and Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. 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 or re-constructing, enlarging or extending, equipping, operating and maintaining water management, bridges or culverts, district roads, landscaping, street lights and other basic infrastructure projects within or without the boundaries of the Golden Lakes Community Development District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected for four year terms. The District operates within the criteria established by Chapter 190.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the Golden Lakes 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 which includes, but is 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 Board Statement Number 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, 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

Golden Lakes Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Government-wide Financial Statements

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 supported by special assessments and interest. Program revenues include charges for services and payments made by parties outside of the reporting government's citizenry if that money is restricted to a particular program. 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 financial 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.

Golden Lakes Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are combined in a fund, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted resources, and then from unrestricted resources. 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 financial 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.

Golden Lakes Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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.

b. Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement 34 requires that non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds, be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets.

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets 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.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include time deposits, certificates of deposit and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

Golden Lakes Community Development District
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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

b. Restricted Assets

Certain net assets of the District are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net assets 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 assets, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net assets and then from unrestricted net assets.

c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land and improvements and construction in progress, are reported in governmental activities.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$1,000 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:

Infrastructure	15-25 years
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d. Budgets

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

Golden Lakes Community Development District
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

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 Assets

“Total fund balances” of the District’s governmental funds (\$344,800) differs from “net assets” of governmental activities (\$6,317,919) reported in the Statement of Net Assets. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Assets versus the current financial resources focus of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets (improvements and infrastructure that are to be used in governmental activities) are purchased or constructed, the cost of those assets is reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the Statement of Net Assets included those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole.

Land & improvements	\$ 2,050,912
Infrastructure	10,094,754
Equipment	15,183
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,917,595)</u>
Total (net)	<u><u>\$ 6,243,254</u></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 Assets.

Balances at September 30, 2009 were:

Note payable	\$ <u>(268,000)</u>
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Accrued interest

Accrued liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets differ from the amount reported in governmental funds due to the accrued interest on bonds.

Accrued interest	\$ <u>(2,135)</u>
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Golden Lakes 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 (\$74,215) differs from the “change in net assets” for governmental activities (\$(303,091)) 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.

Depreciation Expense

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 expense. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net assets decrease by the amount depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay in the current period.

Capital outlay	\$ 20,483
Depreciation expense	(440,124)
Total	\$ (419,641)

Long-term debt transactions

Repayments of bond principal are reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds and, thus, have the effect of reducing fund balance because current financial resources have been used. At the government wide level, these payments are reflected as a reduction of bonds payable.

Debt principal payments	\$ 42,000
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Change in Accrued Interest

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net decrease in accrued interest payable	\$ 335
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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. The District does, however, follow the provisions of Chapter 280, Florida Statutes regarding deposits and investments. As of September 30, 2009, the District's bank balance was \$62,875 and the carrying value was \$62,875. 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.

As of September 30, 2009, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Centerstate Bank Money Market Account State Board of Administration	N/A	\$ 200,527	\$ 200,527
Fund A	N/A	853	853
Fund B	N/A	1,910	3,478
First Southern Bank COD	12/18/2009	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 303,290</u>	<u>\$304,858</u>

Investments

The District's investment policy allows management to invest funds in investments permitted under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. Among other investments, the policy allows the District to invest in the State Board of Administration Local Government Surplus Trust Funds.

Cash placed with the State Board of Administration represents the District's participation in the Local Government Surplus Trust Funds Investment Pool and is reported at fair value. As a pool participant the District invests in pools of investments in which shares are owned in the pool rather than the underlying investments. These funds are divided into the LGIP fund and Fund B.

The District had investments reported at fair value of \$1,910 at September 30, 2009 in Fund B. Fund B is not rated by any nationally recognized rating agency. Fund B consists of assets transferred from the LGIP in December 2007 that represented securities that had defaulted or are in default, or have extended payout times or are subject to potentially elevated credit risk. These funds are not subject to withdrawal, but will be paid as they mature. Fair market value is determined and reported as disclosed by the State Board of Administration. The calculation of the net change in the fair value of investments is independent of the calculation of realized gains and losses.

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NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 in treasury funds, commercial paper, and government loans are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust is an authorized investment under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The District's investments in the state investment pool and government loans are limited by state statutory requirements and bond compliance. The District has monies invested with the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Fund), at September 30, 2009. This fund met the requirements of a "2a-7 like pool" as defined in Government Accounting Standards Board, Statement 31.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one fund. The investment in Local Government Surplus Funds Trust represents 1% of the District's investments. The investment in Centerstate Bank Money Market Account represents 66% of the District's investments. The investment in First Southern Bank Certificate of Deposit represents 33% of the District's investments.

The types of deposits and investments and their level of risk exposure as of September 30, 2009 were typical. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust is not rated.

NOTE D – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUES

Special assessment revenues recognized for the 2008-2009 fiscal year were levied in October 2008. All taxes are due and payable on November 1 or as soon as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. Per Section 197.162, Florida Statutes, discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without discount.

All unpaid taxes become delinquent as of April 1. Virtually all unpaid taxes are collected via the sale of tax certificates on or prior to, June 1; therefore, there were no material taxes receivable at fiscal year end.

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NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2009 was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2008	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2009
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land and improvements	\$ 2,050,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,050,912
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure - sewer, stormwater, distribution	7,914,205	-	-	7,914,205
Infrastructure - roadways, streetlights	1,324,915	5,300	-	1,330,215
Infrastructure - security and landscape	850,334	-	-	850,334
Equipment	-	15,183	-	15,183
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>10,089,454</u>	<u>20,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,109,937</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure - sewer, stormwater, distribution	(4,115,386)	(316,568)	-	(4,431,954)
Infrastructure - roadways, streetlights	(632,155)	(66,334)	-	(698,489)
Infrastructure - security and landscape	(729,930)	(56,547)	-	(786,477)
Equipment	-	(675)	-	(675)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,477,471)</u>	<u>(440,124)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,917,595)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>4,611,983</u>	<u>(419,641)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,192,342</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 6,662,895</u>	<u>\$ (419,641)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,243,254</u>

Depreciation expense for \$440,124 was charged to physical environment for the year.

NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of activity in the long-term debt of the District for the year ended September 30, 2009:

Long-term debt at October 1, 2008	\$ 310,000
Principal payments	<u>(42,000)</u>
Long-term debt at September 30, 2009	<u>\$ 268,000</u>

Road Improvement Note

\$340,000 Series 2007 Road Improvement Note due in quarterly principal installments beginning February 1, 2008. Interest is paid at a fixed rate of 4.78% is due in quarterly installments, beginning on February 1, 2008.

\$ 268,000

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NOTE F – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The annual requirements to amortize the principal and interest of long term debt outstanding as of September 30, 2009 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$ 47,000	\$ 11,914	\$ 58,914
2011	49,000	9,668	58,668
2012	49,000	7,337	56,337
2013	<u>123,000</u>	<u>1,470</u>	<u>124,470</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 268,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,389</u>	<u>\$ 298,389</u>

NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT

For the year ended September 30, 2009, the District participated in the Florida League of Cities (FLC) risk pool. This is a statewide pool with several hundred governmental members. FLC provided the District with general liability and property coverage. The FLC pool is nonassessable. There is no self-insured retention for the District. FLC provided the District with \$1,000,000 in general liability coverage for the period between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2009.



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**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
Golden Lakes Community Development District
Polk County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of Golden Lakes Community Development District as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated July 15, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Golden Lakes Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Golden Lakes Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Golden Lakes Community Development District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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To the Board of Supervisors
Golden Lakes Community Development District

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Golden Lakes 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*.

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

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Management Letter

To the Board of Supervisors
Golden Lakes Community Development District
Polk County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the Golden Lakes Community Development District, Florida as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated July 15, 2010.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We have issued our 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*. Disclosures in that report which is dated July 15, 2010 should be considered in conjunction with this Management Letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Those rules (Section 10.554(1)(i)) require that we address in the Management Letter, if not already addressed in the auditors' report on compliance and internal control whether or not inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, fraud, and/or violations of laws, rules, regulations, and contractual provisions reported in the preceding annual financial audit report have been corrected. There were no findings in the prior year audit.

The Rules of the Auditor General (Section 10.554(1)(i)1.) require that we address in the Management Letter, if not already addressed in the auditor's report on compliance and internal controls, whether or not recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report have been followed. There were no recommendations made in the preceding audit report.

As required by the Rules of the Auditor General (Section 10.554(1)(i)2.) the scope of our audit included a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that Golden Lakes Community Development District complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

The Rules of the Auditor General (Section 10.554(1)(i)3, 4 and 5.) require that we address in the Management Letter, if not already addressed in the auditor's report on compliance and internal controls: (1) violations of laws, rules, regulations, and contractual provisions have occurred, or are likely to have occurred; (2) improper or illegal expenditures; (3) improper or inadequate accounting procedures (e.g. the omission of required disclosures from the financial statements); (4) failures to properly record financial transactions; and (5) other inaccuracies,

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Golden Lakes Community Development District

shortages, defalcations, and instances of fraud discovered by, or that come to the attention of the auditor. Our audit did not discover any of the above items that require to be disclosed.

As required by the Rules of the Auditor General (Section 10.554(1)(i)7.c and Section 10.556(7)), we applied financial conditions assessment procedures. It is Management's responsibility to monitor the entity'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.

Golden Lakes Community Development District has not met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes and is not in a state of financial emergency.

As required by the Rules of the Auditor General (Section 10.554(1)(i)7.b.), we determined that the annual financial report for the District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, filed with the Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32, Florida Statutes, is in agreement with our annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this Management Letter is a public record and its' distribution is not limited. However, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, this Management Letter is intended solely for the information of Golden Lakes Community Development District and Management, and the State of Florida Office of the Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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July 15, 2010