

PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2022-\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.2.10 OF THE PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S POLICES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS,; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Plantation Acres Improvement District (the "District") adopted a Policies and Procedures Manual which in part sets forth rules governing the conduct of District meetings; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the importance of public input and comment as part of its consideration of items on the District meeting agendas, and with respect to the general operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure orderly meetings, and to permit public comment on agenda items, the District hereby adopts the amendments to the District's Policies and Procedures Manual; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Commissioners desires to amend the District's policies and procedures regarding public participation at District meetings; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Commissioners finds that this Resolution is consistent with the District's Charter, and serves a public purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, THAT:**

**Section 1.**     **Incorporation of Recitals.**     Each "WHEREAS" clause set forth above is true and correct and herein incorporated by this reference.

**Section 2.**     That Section 2.2.10, "Addressing the Board," of the Plantation Acres Policy and Procedures Manual is hereby amended as follows:

## 2.2.10 Addressing the Board

### (a) Agenda Items

All proceedings and the order of business at all meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the official agenda. Any departure from the order of business set forth in the official agenda shall be made only upon majority vote of the Commissioners present at the meeting. Any citizen shall be entitled to be placed on the official agenda of a regular meeting of the Board and be heard concerning any matter within the scope of the jurisdiction of the Board. Only Commissioners may place a citizen on the official agenda.

### (b) Non-Agenda Matters

Non-agenda matters shall be confirmed to items that could not be addressed in a timely manner as an agenda item at subsequent meetings or items that are informational only.

### (c) Addressing Board.

Each person, other than members of the District staff; who addresses the Board shall step up to the speaker's lectern and shall give the following information in an audible tone of voice for the minutes;

- (1) Each person addressing the Board shall clearly state his/her name and address.
- (2) Members of the public may speak only at the times designated by the presiding officer. There should be no conversations among audience members during the meeting. All questions from the public to the Board shall be address through the presiding officer, and responded to at the discretion of the presiding officer. The presiding officer may designate the District Administrator, District Manager, or District Attorney to address questions. The normal practice shall be for the District Administrator, at his/her discretion, to answer questions at the meeting or in a future Administrator's report or allow the District Manager to follow up on questions and requests, and to avoid conversation between the public speaker and the Board. All comments or remarks from a member of the public shall be addressed to the Board as a body through the presiding officer, and not to

individual members of the Board, District staff, or the audience. There shall be no cross conversation or questions of any other personal nature unless specifically permitted by the presiding officer. When addressing the presiding officer or referring to members of the Board, the speaker should use the person's proper title in order to contribute to a respectful, professional, and business-like atmosphere.

(3) Public Discussion – The length of time each person may speak is limited in the interest of keeping order and conducting business at hand. Individuals will be limited to a single session of three (3) minutes speaking time during public comment, and on each agenda item on which the Board is taking action. The presiding officer may impose reasonable limitations on the total time allotted to the public participation on items and the total number of speakers during the discussion on any item. Further, the presiding officer may impose reasonable limitations on the time allotted to each speaker during discussion on any item.

(4) Topics of Discussion. Members of the public shall address only the topic being discussed as determined by the presiding officer.

(2)(5) If requested by a Commissioner, any person addressing the Board may be required to state:

- a) Whether he/she speaks for himself, a group of persons, or a third party; if the person says that he/she represents an organization, whether the view expressed by the speaker represents an established policy of the organization approved by the Board, ~~or governing council~~
- b) Whether he/she is being compensated by the person or persons for whom he/she speaks; and
- c) Whether he/she or any member of his/her immediate family has a personal financial interest in the pending matter, he/she shall limit his/her address to the time limits set by the Chairman. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any Commissioner. No person, other than Commissioners and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, whether directly or through a Commissioner, without the permission of the presiding officer.

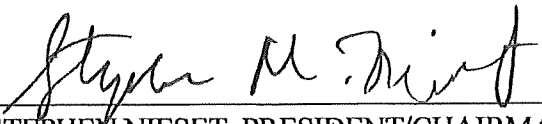
(6) Violation of Rules. Any member of the public who violates these rules may be instructed by the presiding officer to leave the public meeting. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to leave the room where the public meeting is being conducted when instructed to do so by the presiding officer. If the individual refuses to leave, the District Administrator may be instructed by the presiding officer to have the individual removed from the meeting by the police. Once removed, the individual shall be barred from the audience from the remainder of the meeting.

**Section 4.** **Conflicting Resolutions.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE PLANTATOIN ACRES IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT THIS <sup>23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JUNE</sup> ~~26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.~~

PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BY:   
STEPHEN NIESET, PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN