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Special District Information Program
Department of Community Affairs
2740 Centerview Drive
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RE: Bermont Drainage District

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Survey of Special District of Florida for the Bermont Drainage District.
2. Designation of Registered Agent and Registered Office.
3. A copy of the Final Decree creating and incorporation Drainage District entered by the Circuit Court in and for Charlotte County, Florida on March 12, 1965. This Decree created the Bermont Drainage.
4. A copy of the map of the Bermont Drainage District which is recorded in O.R. Book 201, Page 241 of the Public Records of Charlotte County, Florida.

The Bermont Drainage District consists of only 2,900.24 acres of land located in the Eastern, rural section of Charlotte County, Florida. The Bermont Drainage District (BDD) abuts the East Charlotte Drainage District (ECDD) on the East side of the ECDD. 2,800 acres is owned by approximately 100 persons, most of whom are absentee landowners. Many of these owners own five or ten acre parcels. The remaining 100 acres consists of a platted subdivision called "Paradise Park Subdivision." There are approximately 300 lot owners in this subdivision.

L.D. Gleason was the principal landowner and developer who formed the District in 1965. I believe that the District collected assessments during its first two or three years of existence in the mid-1960's. The District remained dormant until 1987. At that time, I advised the Board of Supervisors to either conduct some drainage activity or dissolve the District.

The landowners were notified of various meetings between 1987 and 1990 concerning what activity the District should take. It was generally agreed not to finance a multi-million dollar capital improvement for the District (i.e., drainage canals, etc.), as the taxation to such landowners of small parcels would be prohibitive. Also, the District would have to obtain drainage easements from many of the landowners.

At these various meetings, a local engineer and an agent from the United States Department of Agriculture advised that the surface water in the District naturally flowed towards the South and Southwest. However, the flow of water was being blocked off by a dyke which runs between the ECDD and the BDD.

After hearing from the engineer and the U.S.D.A. agent, the Board of Supervisors determined that it would be most cost-effective, and therefore in the best interest of the landowners, to provide appropriate drainage in the District by doing the following:

1. Clean the road swales of the private roads located throughout the District of the swale's vegetative growth. The vegetative growth was prohibiting the water from naturally flowing towards the canal BDD which is adjacent to the dyke which runs along the BDD-ECDD.
2. Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the ECDD which allows this water to flow into the ECDD's elaborate canal system through 3 culverts located along the dyke. The BDD pays the ECDD \$0.25 per acre (i.e., \$725.06 per year in exchange for having the BDD's ground water flow through the culverts into the ECDD's canals.

This activity of cleaning the road swales, and having the ground water naturally flow over into the ECDD provides adequate drainage for the District. The BDD has been assessing the landowners at a rate of \$1.00 per acre and the Paradise Park unit owners \$0.34 per lot. Therefore the District receives \$2,900.00 per year in assessment revenues. It also receives approximately \$800.00 per year in interest income from a \$25,000.00 Certificate of Deposit. This Certificate of Deposit reflects the funds initially collected as assessments in the mid-1960's.

There are no paid employees in the District; nor do any members of the Board of Supervisors receive any payment. I bill the District for legal services at a rate of \$100.00 per hour plus disbursements.

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Because the District's activity is minimal, the Board of Supervisors only hold one meeting per year as its annual meeting and meeting to adopt the Non-Ad-Valorem Assessment. In the past, the Board has held separate annual meetings and assessment meetings; but, these meetings were combined this year in order to save the District some attorney fees and costs. Therefore, there are no "regular meetings" other than the annual meeting/assessment meeting.

I am enclosing a list of the documents required to be filed under the Uniform Special District Accountability Act, and I am sending copies of the same along with a copy of this letter to Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Charlotte County, Florida.

Please note that many of the documents do not apply to our District. Please also note that our District does not require to submit an audit report as its revenues are only \$2,900.00 per year. Please also note that the budget is also stated in the minutes of the annual meeting, and that the treasurers financial report is also attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John S. Dzurak

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xc: Board of Supervisors, Bermont Drainage District
Barbara T. Scott-Clerk of the Circuit Court, Charlotte
County, Florida.