

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Board Meeting Date: 11/19/25

(Select All that Apply)

Decision Making Agenda Item

Discussion Purposes Only Agenda Item

Walk On Agenda Item

SUBJECT:

Execute Audit Agreement with HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA

PERSON(S) MAKING SUBMITTAL OF AGENDA ITEM:

Chief Financial Officer Winzenread

BACKGROUND/DETAIL OF AGENDA ITEM:

Execute Audit agreement with HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA, to perform auditing services to Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, for the years ending September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027, as stated in this Agreement (engagement).

BUDGET IMPACT: Yes / No / Unknown – If Yes, how much? From where?

No budget impact.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Board member signature executing the agreement.

ACTUAL BOARD ACTION:

HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

November 19, 2025

Board of Commissioners
Chief Seth Comer
Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District
6061 South Pointe Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33919

We are pleased to confirm and agree to perform the services we are to provide Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District (the "District") for the years ending September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027, as stated in this Agreement (engagement).

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information including the Retiree Insurance Trust Fund, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District as of and for the years ending September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027. Jeffrey M. Tuscan, CPA, is responsible for the performance of this engagement. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), to supplement Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis

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We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements:

1. Budget to Actual Comparison – Major Funds
2. FRS and HIS Schedules and related notes

The objectives of our audit are: to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP; and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to herein when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

The objectives also include a report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award (grant) agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect in the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with Florida law, GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of your account records of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about

whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to perform specific procedures to detect waste or abuse in financial audits nor do they expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention.

We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibilities as auditor is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

We have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

1. Segregation of duties

We will adjust our audit procedures accordingly.

Audit Procedures – Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence

that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. Tests of control may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope that would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District's compliance with the provision of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants.

However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you. These non-audit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for: designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing

activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for compliance with applicable laws and relations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with: (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatement and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements of each opinion unit taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the District involving: (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District that is received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements that we report.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains supplementary information that indicates we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes the report thereon. Your

responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that: (1) you are responsible for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagement, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this agreement. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other non-audit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to: oversee the non-audit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience: to evaluate the adequacy and results of those non-audit services; and to accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

We will provide copies of our reports to Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to your Oversight Agency for Audit or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for the purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA personnel. Furthermore, upon

request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the Oversight Agency for Audit. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting and audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Jeffrey Tuscan is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports. We expect to begin our audit on a mutually agreed upon date.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the State Annual Financial Report. We will provide copies of our reports to management; however, it is management's responsibility to submit the reporting package.

With regard to using the auditor's report, unless the auditor's report is used in its entirety, you understand that you must obtain our prior written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld, to reproduce or use our report in bond offering official statements or other documents.

We anticipate the books and records of the District to be accurate and current and not to require significant adjusting journal entries. As such, fees for our financial and compliance audit services will be based upon actual time spent at our standard hourly rates based on the time incurred. Our fees shall not exceed \$39,000, \$40,000 and \$41,000 for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027, except upon the prior written approval of the District. The annual fees are dependent upon the assistance required of the District. These annual fees do not include time to review the District prepared MD&A section or reconciliations to the fund statements, or the additional work required by GASB 34, 68 and 74/75/96. Time to review and/or prepare these items will be billed at our standard hourly rates; however, if the additional fees for the above stated items exceeds \$9,000.00, the District will have to pre-approve the extra fees over \$9,000.00, in writing, in the District's sole discretion, as described elsewhere in this Agreement. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit, and are as follows:

Partner	\$260*
Manager	\$180-\$260
Team Member	\$110-\$180
Clerical	\$ 85-\$110

Hourly rates adjust on May 1 by CPI.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. We reserve the right to suspend work if your account becomes forty-five (45) days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to

terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit.

If any additional time is necessary that will result in our fees exceeding the maximum annual audit fees stated above, we will discuss it with you in advance and the District will not incur any additional fees until the District has pre-approved the extra fees, in writing, in the District's sole discretion, after which the District will be billed for the additional fees incurred. All unpaid invoices shall accrue interest at the rate of 1% per month, and a failure to resolve your account within the allotted time will result in these charges being added to your fees.

Any disagreement, controversy, or claim ("Dispute") that may arise out of any aspect of our services or relationship with you, including this engagement agreement, shall be submitted to non-binding mediation by written notice ("Mediation Notice") to the other party. In mediation, we will work with you to resolve any differences voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator. The mediator will be selected by mutual agreement, but if we cannot agree on a mediator, one shall be designated by the Mediation Department of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Lee County, Florida. The mediation will be conducted as specified by the mediator and agreed upon by the parties. The parties agree to discuss their differences in good faith and to attempt, with the assistance of the mediator, to reach an amicable resolution of the Dispute. Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

In the event the District defaults by failing to timely pay our invoices within 45 days of the District's receipt of same or in the event the District otherwise defaults under the requirements of this engagement, including failing to cooperate or provide the assistance we require or violating state law or taking action that prohibits us from complying with AICPA auditing standards and SASSs, we are authorized to terminate this engagement agreement upon providing the District with written notice of the default and a 30-day opportunity to cure the default and the District shall be liable for the costs and fees for our services performed through the date that we terminate this engagement agreement.

In the event we fail to perform our obligations described in this engagement agreement and in the District's Request for Qualifications/Proposals and our response thereto, both of which are incorporated herein by reference, the District is authorized to terminate this engagement agreement upon providing us with written notice of our default and a 30-day opportunity to cure the default. The District is entitled to withhold any payments due to us pursuant to this engagement upon a default by us that is not cured within 30 days.

Venue of any legal proceedings shall be in Fort Myers, Florida, and Florida law shall be the choice of law. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover their reasonable fees and costs incurred in the legal proceedings from the losing party.

To protect the privacy and provide for the security of any protected health information, as such is defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended from time to time, and the regulations and policy guidance thereunder (“HIPAA”), the District may require HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A. to enter into a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement in the standard form used by the District with others.

No subcontractors shall be used to perform any audit services; however, subcontractors may be used to perform related services, but only upon the prior written approval of the District, in the District’s sole discretion. Any such subcontractors will be subject to the same restrictions on the use of the District’s information and records as apply to HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA under this engagement. Tuscan & Company, PA will be as responsible for any act done by these subcontractors as it is for its personnel under this engagement. This restriction does not apply to peer reviews since peer reviews do not constitute the performance of any audit services.

This letter engagement agreement may be executed at different times and in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this agreement by facsimile or electronic mail shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this agreement. In proving this agreement, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought.

We do not contemplate work outside the scope of the annual financial and compliance audit or other related assistance requested by you or your staff, including special projects as well as year-end assistance with account reconciliation. All such services rendered, if required, will be billed based on standard hourly rates and will be considered outside the scope of the estimated fee noted previously.

The annual fees stated herein do not contemplate performance of the Single Audit as required by OMB Uniform Guidance or compliance auditing required by Auditor General Rule 10.550, regarding the Florida Single Audit, Florida Statute 215.97 because the current level of grant receipts by the District is below the \$1,000,000 threshold. The annual fees stated herein also do not contemplate audit procedures required by GASB 68, 74, 75, or 96 or other significant law changes enacted during the term of the Agreement. If grant receipts, expenditures, or significant law changes ultimately require such audit procedures and reporting you will be billed based on our standard hourly rates, but only after the District has pre-approved the extra fees, in writing, in the District’s sole discretion, as described elsewhere in this Agreement. This fee assumes that no material unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise, which could cause an increase in audit effort, and that we receive the agreed-upon assistance from you and your staff. We will make every effort to keep fees to a minimum.

The engagement Agreement is extendable in three (3) year increments by mutual written consent. Nothing herein shall modify or waive either party’s remedies at law or at equity against the other party who defaults under the terms of this engagement. Notwithstanding anything else

in the Agreement to the contrary, nothing stated in the Agreement shall in any way affect, waive or modify the District's liability limits, rights, privileges, and protections of sovereign immunity prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

You agree to hold us harmless and to indemnify us from any liability or costs, including our reasonable attorney's fees, up to the District's sovereign immunity liability limits, where our liability limits or costs are directly caused by the District's management making knowingly false statements of material fact to us.

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the Agreement. Therefore, our most recent peer review report is attached for your review.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Commissioners of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts (agreements) and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will state: (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The report will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of the engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. general accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory or contractual requirements.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District and believe this Agreement accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement Agreement as described in this letter (agreement), please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A.


HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A.

This engagement agreement correctly sets forth the understanding and agreement of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District.

Officer Signature: *Jens Alden*

Title: CHAIRMAN

Date: 11/19/25



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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

January 13, 2025

To the Partner of HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA (formerly Tuscan & Company, PA)
and the Peer Review Committee of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA, (formerly Tuscan & Company PA) (the firm), in effect for the year ended April 30, 2024. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a system review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported on in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards, including a compliance audit under the Single Audit Act and an audit of an Employee Benefit Plan.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA (formerly Tuscan & Company, PA) in effect for the year ended April 30, 2024, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)*, or *fail*. HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA (formerly Tuscan & Company PA) has received a peer review rating of *pass*.



DG Perry

HSC/Tuscan & Company, PA

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

November 19, 2025

Board of Commissioners
Chief Seth Comer
Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District
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We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the examination engagement HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A. will provide for Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District (“you” or “your”) for the years ended September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027 and any extension years.

Jeffrey M. Tuscan, CPA is responsible for the performance of this examination engagement.

Scope, objective, and responsibilities

We will examine your compliance with investment provisions in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes for the years ended September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027 and any extension years.

The objective(s) of our examination is the expression of an opinion about whether your investments were authorized by law, and if applicable, in accordance with your investment policy based on the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and will include tests of your records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion.

We will issue a separate written report for Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District upon completion of the engagement. The report will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or withdraw from the engagement. If our opinion is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reason with you in advance. If circumstances occur related to the condition of your records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material misstatement or deviation from the criteria, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the examination or forming an opinion, we retain the right to take

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any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

Our engagement will not include a detailed inspection of every transaction and cannot be relied on to disclose all material errors, fraud, or other violations of laws or regulations, that may exist. However, we will inform you of any material errors or fraud that comes to our attention. We will also inform you of any other violations of laws or regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential.

We understand that you will provide us with the basic information required for our examination and that you are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

We may advise you about appropriate criteria or assist in the development of the subject matter, but the responsibility for the subject matter remains with you.

You are responsible for your compliance with investment provisions in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. For all accounting services we may provide to you, management agrees to assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to understand and oversee the services; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for the result of the services.

At the end of the engagement, we will require a representation letter from management of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District

Engagement administration and other matters

The workpapers supporting the services we perform are the sole and exclusive property of HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A. and constitute confidential and proprietary information. We do not provide access to our workpapers to you or anyone else in the normal course of business. Unless required by law or regulation to the contrary, we retain our workpapers in accordance with our record retention policy that typically provides for a retention period of seven years.

Professional standards require us to be independent with respect to you in the performance of these services. Any discussion that you have with our personnel regarding potential employment with you could impair our independence with respect to this engagement. Therefore, we request that you inform us prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence and objectivity. Further, any employment offers to any staff members working on this engagement without our prior knowledge may require substantial additional procedures to ensure our independence. You will be responsible for any additional costs incurred to perform these procedures.

Our relationship with you is limited to that described in this letter. As such, you understand and agree that we are acting solely as independent accountants. We are not acting in any way as a fiduciary or assuming any fiduciary responsibilities for you. We are not responsible for the

preparation of any report to any governmental agency, or any other form, return, or report or for providing advice on any other service not specifically recited in this letter.

Mediation

Any disagreement, controversy, or claim (“Dispute”) that may arise out of any aspect of our services or relationship with you, including this engagement, shall be submitted to non-binding mediation by written notice (“Mediation Notice”) to the other party. In mediation, we will work with you to resolve any differences voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator.

The mediation will be conducted as specified by the mediator and agreed upon by the parties. The parties agree to discuss their differences in good faith and to attempt, with the assistance of the mediator, to reach an amicable resolution of the Dispute.

Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

Fees

Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates based on time incurred and level of expertise required. We will make every effort to keep fees to a minimum. There is not a separate fee for this engagement agreement and the annual fees for this engagement agreement are included in the annual “Not To Exceed” fees for the general audit engagement agreement between the District and HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A. dated May 13, 2025. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of personnel assigned to your audit and are as follows:

Partner	\$260*
Manager	\$210-\$220*
Team Member	\$110-\$210*
Clerical	\$80-\$110*

*Hourly rates adjust on May 1 by approximately CPI

Actual fees incurred are dependent upon assistance required by the District. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit.

If unexpected circumstances require significant additional time, we will advise you before undertaking work that would require a substantial increase in the fee estimate.

Other Fees

You also agree to compensate us for any time and expenses, including time and expenses of legal counsel, we may incur in responding to discovery requests or participating as a witness or

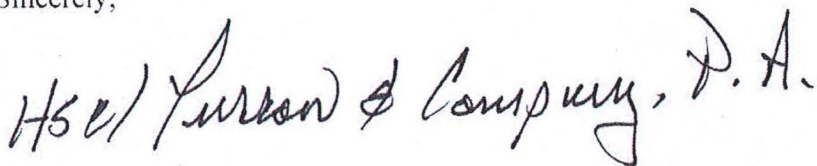
otherwise in any legal, regulatory, or other proceeding that we are asked to respond to in your behalf. You and your attorney will receive a copy of every subpoena or request we are asked to respond to. You can control the costs of any discovery process or document request by informing us which request you would like us to act on.

Agreement

This letter engagement agreement may be executed at different times and in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this agreement by facsimile or electronic mail shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this agreement. In proving this agreement, it shall not be necessary to produce or account for more than one such counterpart signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter agreement accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. This letter constitutes the entire agreement regarding these services and supersedes all prior agreements (whether oral or written), understandings, negotiations, and discussions between us. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein to the contrary, including the preceding sentence, this letter engagement is for a separate limited scope of services related to the examination of the District's compliance with the investment requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The terms and conditions of the general audit engagement agreement between the District and Tuscan & Company, dated May 13, 2025, are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein and said terms and conditions shall supersede and control over the terms and conditions described herein, except for the specific scope of work and the fees of this separate engagement letter agreement, if any. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement letter as described in this letter, please sign, date, and return the enclosed copy to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HSC/Tuscan & Company, P.A.

Response

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District.

Officer Signature: James R. Baker

Title: CHAIRMAN

Date: 11-19-25