THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS DATE WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present: Barb Lewis, President Jeff Benton, Vice President **Gary Merrell, Commissioner**



RESOLUTION NO. 22-970

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2022:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board") met in regular session on November 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board has certified, pursuant to section 305.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, that the entire record of the proceedings at that meeting is completely and accurately captured in the electronic record of those proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the electronic record of proceedings at the previous meeting.

Vote on Motion Mrs. Lewis Aye Mr. Merrell Aye Mr. Benton Aye



PUBLIC COMMENT

None.



RESOLUTION NO. 22-971

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS, THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES, AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS IN BATCH NUMBERS CMAPR1104 AND MEMO TRANSFERS IN BATCH NUMBERS MTAPR1104:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve Then And Now Certificates, payment of warrants in batch numbers CMAPR1109, memo transfers in batch numbers MTAPR1104 and Purchase Orders as listed below:

PR Number R2204478	Vendor Name SUPERIOR PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT LLC	Line OEC	e Description CC	Accou 601119	ont 201 - 5370	Amount \$6,691.21
R2204681	ENVIRO- CONSTRUCTION CO LLC	DRA IMP	IGSTON 2017-2 AINAGE PROVEMENT DJECT	403114	167 - 5301	\$51,922.00
R2204840	BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE INC	COI	SET ENTIALS REPLUS TWARE	100111	.05 - 5320	\$6435.03
R2204841	CONCORD SCIOTO COMMUNITY AUTHORITY	SCI ADI	CONCORD SCIOTO MILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		900 - 5301	\$30,204.13
Vote on Motion	Mr. Merrell	Aye	Mrs. Lewis	Aye	Mr. Benton	Aye



RESOLUTION NO. 22-972

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2022 LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM (LAEPP) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following:

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

This Cooperative Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement"), effective as of this 7th day of November 2022 by and between the **State of Ohio, Department of Agriculture**, located at 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, ("**ODA**") and **DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** located at 91 North Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH 43015 ("**Local Sponsor**") (hereinafter collectively "**Parties**"), for the implementation of Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program ("LAEPP") as authorized under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") § 901.21, et. seq.

RECITALS

ORC § 901.21 authorizes the Director of Agriculture to utilize funding received from the Clean Ohio fund to purchase agricultural easements, in conjunction with eligible governmental and non-profit entities, for the purpose of protecting the agricultural uses of eligible land by limiting the non-agricultural uses of the land. To be eligible, the farm land must meet the criteria and further the purposes as provided in ORC § 901.22 and Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") § 901-2-01, et seq.

WHEREAS, as the context may require, the singular may be read as the plural and the plural as the singular;

WHEREAS, the Local Sponsor and ODA have mutual interests in maintaining land in agricultural production and preventing the conversion of agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses;

WHEREAS, ODA administers the LAEPP through its Office of Farmland Preservation;

WHEREAS, Local Sponsor administers a farmland protection program, is a certified local sponsor as defined in OAC § 901-2-07 for LAEPP, and has opportunities to acquire agricultural easements from landowners within the County of **Delaware** in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, ODA and Local Sponsor have agreed to combine their resources to assure that such areas are protected from conversion to nonagricultural uses.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties intending to be legally bound hereby, covenant and agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I: BENEFITS

The funding allocated to the Local Sponsor by ODA in this Agreement will be used for the protection of Ohio farm lands against conversion to non-agricultural use.

ARTICLE II: SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.1 The Local Sponsor shall be responsible for the duties and obligations set forth in "Exhibit A Scope of Work," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, in connection to the use of ODA funds as identified in Article IV of this Agreement. These funds are for the acquisition of agricultural easements on real estate ("Property") described in the attached "Exhibit B Property/Funds," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.2 Exhibit B shall be amended from time to time as Properties are selected in accordance with Exhibit A. For the purposes of this Agreement, "agricultural easement" shall be defined as provided in ORC § 901.21, et seq. Local Sponsor hereby represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, specifically including but not limited to OAC § 901-2-01, et seq. in performing its described obligations herein.
- 2.3 Local Sponsor warrants that it has the necessary background, education, training, and skills to provide ODA with the essential services required to carry out the Scope of Work included as Exhibit A herein. Local Sponsor further warrants that he/she will provide satisfactory efforts in the performance of the same. Satisfactory performance of work pursuant to these standards shall be determined in ODA's sole discretion. There will be no breach of this covenant if Local Sponsor is prevented from maintaining this standard by causes wholly beyond its control and without any default on its part.

- 2.4 All deeds will be drafted by ODA. Local Sponsor shall ensure that no changes are made to the deed at closing without the express knowledge and the prior written permission of ODA.
- 2.5 The agricultural easement closing ("Closing") in connection with each Property shall occur on a time and date mutually agreed to by the parties, but in no event later than June 30, 2023. Local Sponsor may receive an extension to this deadline with the prior written approval of ODA.
- ODA may, from time to time as it deems appropriate and necessary, communicate specific instructions and requests to the Local Sponsor concerning the performance of the workdescribed in this Agreement; including but not limited to, the performance of Closing Instructions. An example of which is provided in "Exhibit C ODA Closing Instructions," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Upon such notice and within a reasonable time, the Local Sponsor shall comply with such instructions and fulfill such requests to the satisfaction of ODA. It is expressly understood by the parties that the instructions and requests are for the sole purpose of performing the specific tasks requested and to ensure satisfactory completion of the work described in this Agreement.
- 2.7 The Local Sponsor shall retain responsibility for the management of the work, including the exclusive right to control or direct the manner or means by which the work described herein is performed. ODA retains the right to ensure that the work of the Local Sponsor is in conformity with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Local Sponsor is to accept direction only from ODA in the performance of work contained in this Agreement and set forth in Exhibit A, Exhibit C, or other specialized instructions provided during the course of this agreement, unless explicitly stated otherwise in writing by ODA.
- 2.8 Nothing in this Agreement obligates ODA to complete the acquisition of an agricultural easement. There may be problems or issues which in the sole opinion of ODA require modifications, additions, or deletions to Exhibit B depending on the ability to obtain good and clear title and local input regarding the implementation of an agricultural easement. Additions to Exhibit B must have the written pre-approval from ODA. The additions and deletions must be made by a formal written amendment to this Agreement and must contain the same deadlines for closing for the acquisition of the agricultural easements and the request for payment.

ARTICLE III: TIME OF PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 The services as stated in Exhibit A shall be concluded by the Local Sponsor on or before June 30, 2023. Prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the parties may mutually agree to renew this Agreement as indicated in Paragraph 3.3 below.
- 3.2 This Agreement shall remain in effect until the work described in Exhibit A is completed to the satisfaction of ODA or until terminated as provided in Article VIII, Termination of Local Sponsor's Services, whichever is sooner. However, in no event will this Agreement continue beyond June 30, 2023, unless renewed as provided for herein.
- 3.3 As the current General Assembly cannot commit a future General Assembly to expenditure, this Agreement shall expire no later than June 30, 2023. This contract may be renewed, at ODA's option, for a period of one (1) year upon the same terms contained herein.
- 3.4 It is expressly agreed by the parties that none of the rights, duties, and obligations herein shall be binding on either party if award of this Agreement would be contrary to the terms of ORC § 127.16.

ARTICLE IV: ODA'S OBLIGATION TO FUND

- 4.1 Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon execution of this Agreement, ODA shall obligate the sum of \$242,196.00 (Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and 00/100 Dollars) for the acquisition by Local Sponsor of agricultural easements for the parcels approved by the Director of ODA and added by amendment to Exhibit B.
- 4.2 ODA's contribution for the acquisition of each agricultural easement to be acquired by the Local Sponsor shall be up to but not more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the appraised value, as determined by ORC § 901.22 and OAC § 901-2-09, of the subject agricultural easement as provided in the Landowner Program Application.

4.3 If agricultural easements for all properties listed on Exhibit B are not closed, or payment for the agricultural easement is not requested by the mutually agreed closing date as provided in Exhibit A and previously stated herein, any remaining funds may be released from this obligation unless a written request to extend the closing or payment date is sent to ODA 30 days or less before such date, and approved in writing by ODA.

ARTICLE V: LOCAL SPONSOR CONTRIBUTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 Local Sponsor must disburse one hundred percent (100%) of the payment, minus any cost or expense permitted by OAC § 901-2 *et seq*, representing the agricultural easement purchase price, to the landowner at the time of Closing, as that term is hereinafter defined. Local Sponsor shall pay all costs of the agricultural easement procurement and will operate and manage each agricultural easement in accordance with the Local Sponsor's program, this Agreement, and any relevant federal or state laws, regulations, or codes.
- 5.2 Local Sponsor shall not use ODA funds to acquire an agricultural easement on a property in which an employee or board member of the Local Sponsor, with decision-making involvement in matters related to easement acquisition and management, or their immediate family or household member, has a property interest. Local Sponsor agrees to generally conduct itself in a manner so as to protect the integrity of agricultural easements which it holds, avoid the appearance of impropriety or actual conflicts of interests in its acquisition and management of agricultural easements, and in compliance with Article XVII: Ethics and Article XI: Conflicts of Interest, herein contained.
- 5.3 Local Sponsor agrees that it will not at any time, when the Local Sponsor is named as a Grantee in the agricultural easement, seek to acquire the remaining fee interest in the Property or otherwise enter into a partnership or joint venture wherein a partner has a fee interest in the Property.
- When an agricultural easement violation is observed by Local Sponsor or reported to Local Sponsor by ODA, then Local Sponsor shall, after appropriate administrative and appeal rights, enforce the terms and conditions of the agricultural easement. Enforcement shall be pursuant to all available enforcement procedures; including legal and equitable remedies. In the event Local Sponsor should decide to utilize any legal or equitable remedy that involves the filing of a lawsuit, such use shall be subject to the mutual consent of the Parties prior to filing. The Local Sponsor agrees to completely and fully support ODA and work with ODA in the enforcement of this Agreement, the agricultural easement, and any agreement with a Landowner arising out of this Agreement. Failure to do so shall be a breach by the Local Sponsor of this Agreement.
- 5.5 Local Sponsor agrees to include ODA in any public news releases, events, brochures, fact sheets, or any other information distributed to the media ("Media Release") related to the acquisition of an agricultural easement on the Property listed in Exhibit B and acquired with ODA funds under this Agreement. Local Sponsor agrees to provide any Media Release to ODA for review and comment at least three (3) business days prior to its publication.
- 5.6 Local Sponsor agrees to comply with ODA guidelines and requirements regarding the disclosure of any confidential and/or potentially sensitive information about governmental and landowner issues, and such information shall not be disclosed without the prior written consent of ODA.
- 5.7 If Local Sponsor enters into a Cooperative Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service ("USDA-NRCS") to receive matching funds under its Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Agricultural Land Easement ("ACEP-ALE") program, Local Sponsor is responsible for completion of all requested documents and services outlined in Cooperative Agreement with NRCS.
- 5.8 Any ODA funds received by Local Sponsor under this Agreement may not be utilized for reimbursement by Local Sponsor under any federal or state program, including ACEP- ALE.

ARTICLE VI: PAYMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

- 6.1 The Local Sponsor shall notify ODA when the funds for the agricultural easement are to be requested for payment.
- 6.2 Funds shall be paid to Local Sponsor via an escrow agreement as provided in "Exhibit H

 Escrow Agreement," or substantially similar to the same, and approved by ODA with the title

company as arranged by Local Sponsor. Local Sponsor shall, upon receipt of the funds from ODA, deposit and endorse over the funds to the title agent pursuant to the escrow agreement. Such escrow agreement shall specifically provide that:

- a. ODA is a third-party beneficiary of the escrow agreement;
- b. Funds shall be returned to ODA if not disbursed to Landowner within 90 calendar days of the deposit of funds to the title agent unless otherwise agreed in writing by ODA; and
- c. Any other requirements as specified by ODA.
- 6.3 Local Sponsor shall provide ODA notice of the scheduled Closing not less than 90 calendar days prior to said Closing to ensure timely delivery of the funds.
- In the event that funds are requested and placed with the title company in escrow, and that said funds are not disbursed at Closing within 90 calendar days of such deposit, the use of said funds shall be de-obligated and returned to ODA by the title agent unless the title agent has received an amendment to the escrow agreement which consents to holding the funds longer than 90 days.
- 6.5 In the event that any funds sent to the Local Sponsor are not endorsed or otherwise provided to the title agent pursuant to the requirements of this paragraph within 5 days of receipt, such check shall be returned to ODA unless written permission is provided by ODA to continue to hold the check.
- Any periods of time longer than 90 calendar days to hold the funds shall require prior written amendment of this Agreement by the parties.
- 6.7 It is understood that ODA's funds are contingent on the availability of lawful appropriations by the Ohio General Assembly. If the Ohio General Assembly fails at any time to continuefunding for the payments due hereunder, this Agreement is terminated as of the date that the funding expires without further obligation to ODA.
- 6.8 ORC 126.30 is applicable to this Agreement and requires payment of interest on overdue payments. The interest charge shall be at the rate per calendar month which equals one- twelfth of the rate per annum prescribed by ORC 5703.47.
- 6.9 This Agreement is subject to ORC 126.07, which provides, in part, that orders under this Agreement shall not be valid and enforceable unless the Director of the Office of Budget Management first certifies that there is a balance in the appropriations not already obligated to pay existing obligations.
- 6.10 Under ORC 5739.02(B)(1) the State of Ohio is exempt from all state and local taxes. Neither the State of Ohio nor ODA agree to pay any taxes.

ARTICLE VII: AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 The Local Sponsor shall ensure that agricultural easements acquired under this Agreement meet the following requirements:
 - a. Run with the land in perpetuity;
 - b. Protect agricultural use and related conservation values by limiting nonagricultural uses of the land and specify prohibited uses along with permitted uses;
 - c. Provide for the administration, management, and enforcement of the agricultural easement by the Local Sponsor or its successors;
 - d. Provide that if this Easement is extinguished, terminated, or condemned, in whole or in part, Landowner shall reimburse ODA for the amount equal to the proportionate share of the fair market value of the Protected Property unencumbered by this Easement as required by ORC § 901.22(A)(2)(b), and which is further specified in the terms of that certain Deed of Agricultural easement; and
 - e. All other provisions as required by ODA.
- 7.2 The form of any deed of agricultural easement used under this Agreement shall be drafted, approved,

and provided by ODA. Any revisions or modifications thereto must be approved by ODA in writing prior to the Closing.

ARTICLE VIII: TERMINATION OF LOCAL SPONSOR'S SERVICES

- 8.1 ODA and Local Sponsor may mutually agree, at any time prior to the completion of services by the Local Sponsor under this Agreement, suspend or terminate this Agreement with or without cause by giving written notice to the other Party.
- 8.2 ODA shall be entitled, by written or oral notice, to cancel this Agreement in its entirety or in part, for breach of any of the terms, and to have all other rights against Local Sponsor by reason of the Local Sponsor's breach as provided by law. A breach shall mean, but shall not be restricted to, any one or more of the following events:
 - a. Local Sponsor fails to perform the services by the date required or by such later date as may be agreed to in a written amendment to the Agreement, signed by ODA;
 - b. Local Sponsor breaches any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any term of this Agreement;
 - c. Local Sponsor makes any general assignment for the benefits of any creditors not previously authorized;
 - d. In ODA's sole opinion, Local Sponsor becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder;
 - e. Local Sponsor becomes the subject of any proceeding under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization or relief from debtors; or
 - f. Any receiver, trustee or similar official is appointed for Local Sponsor or any of Local Sponsor's property.
- 8.3 Upon notice of suspension or termination, Local Sponsor shall cease all work on the suspended or terminated activities under this Agreement, suspend or terminate all subcontracts relating to the suspended or terminated activities, and take all necessary steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs. If requested by ODA, Local Sponsor will furnish a report, as of the date of receipt of notice of suspension or termination, describing the status of all work under this Agreement. Including, without limitation, results, conclusions resulting therefrom, and any other matters ODA requires.
- 8.4 If the Local Sponsor materially fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, ODA reserves the right to wholly or partially recapture funds provided hereunder in accordance with applicable regulations.
- 8.5 ODA cannot make commitments in excess of funds authorized by law or made administratively available. If ODA cannot fulfill its obligations under this Agreement because of insufficient funds, this Agreement will automatically terminate with no further obligation by ODA. The Local Sponsor understands and agrees that no action arising out of or related to this Agreement may be brought by the Local Sponsor more than one (1) year after the cause of action accrued, regardless of the form of action.
- 8.6 In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to its completion, Local Sponsor shall deliver to ODA all work products and documents which have been prepared by Local Sponsor in the course of providing services under this Agreement. All such materials shall become and remain the property of ODA, to be used in such manner and for such purpose as ODA may choose.
- 8.7 Local Sponsor agrees to waive any right to, and shall make no claim for, additional compensation against ODA by reason of such suspension or termination.

ARTICLE IX: RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

9.1 ODA and Local Sponsor agree that Local Sponsor shall be engaged by ODA solely on an independent contractor basis and Local Sponsor shall therefore be responsible for all of its own business expenses. Including, but not limited to, computers, phone service and office space. Local Sponsor will also be responsible for all licenses, permits, employees' wages and salaries, insurance

of every type and description, and all business and personal taxes, including income and Social Security taxes and contributions for Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation coverage, if any.

- 9.2 While Local Sponsor shall be required to render services described hereunder for ODA during the term of this Agreement, nothing herein shall be construed to imply, by reason of Local Sponsor's engagement hereunder as an independent contractor, that ODA shall have or may exercise any right of control over Local Sponsor with regard to the manner or method of Local Sponsor's performance of services hereunder.
- 9.3 Except as expressly provided herein, neither party shall have the right to bind or obligate the other party in any manner without the other party's prior written consent.
- 9.4 It is fully understood and agreed that the Local Sponsor is an independent contractor and is not an agent, servant or employee of ODA or the State of Ohio.

ARTICLE X: RELATED AGREEMENTS

- 10.1 The work contemplated in this Agreement is to be performed by Local Sponsor, who may subcontract without ODA's approval for the purchase of articles, supplies, components, or special mechanical services that do not involve the type of work or services described in Exhibit A, but which are required for its satisfactory completion. Local Sponsor shall not enter into other subcontracts related to the work described in this Agreement without prior written approval by ODA. All work subcontracted shall be at Local Sponsor's expense.
- 10.2 Local Sponsor shall bind its subcontractors to the terms of this Agreement, so far as applicable to the work of the subcontractor, and shall not agree to any provision which seeks to bind ODA to terms inconsistent with, or at variance from, this Agreement.
- 10.3 Local Sponsor shall furnish to ODA a list of all subcontractors, their addresses, tax identification numbers, and the dollar amount of each subcontract.

ARTICLE XI: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 11.1 Subject to the terms of paragraph 11.3 below, Local Sponsor shall not acquire, prior to the completion of the terms contained herein, any personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible or in conflict with the discharge and fulfillment of its functions and responsibilities with respect to the terms contained herein.
- 11.2 Subject to the terms of paragraph 11.3 below, should Local Sponsor acquire an incompatible or conflicting personal interest, on or after the effective date of this Agreement, or involuntarily acquires any such incompatible or conflicting personal interest, Local Sponsor shall immediately disclose Local Sponsor's interest to ODA in writing. Thereafter, Local Sponsor shall not participate in any action affecting the terms of this Agreement, unless ODA determines that, in light of the personal interest disclosed, Local Sponsor's participation in any such action would not be contrary to the public interest, the statement of work, or the statutory and regulatory authority of ODA.
- As an agency of the State of Ohio, ODA may not contract for services currently being performed for another state agency, so that the State actually pays more than once for the same services. Nor may ODA contract for services with another agency where the other agency's contracts could interfere with or conflict with the terms set forth in this Agreement or the regulatory authority and power of ODA. Therefore, Local Sponsor asserts that it has not entered into other agreements with another state or public agency for similar work as set forth herein that would negatively impact or interfere with the terms set forth herein orthe regulatory power and authority of ODA. Nor shall Local Sponsor enter into similar agreements, without informing ODA in writing of the other agreements.
- 11.4 Charitable organizations shall continue to meet the requirements specified in OAC § 901- 2-04 and § 901-2-07.

The work product and its component parts provided by Local Sponsor under this Agreement are considered "work for hire" and shall become the property of the State of Ohio and neither Local Sponsor, nor employees or anyone with whom it subcontracts shall claim or assert any right, title, or other interest in, the work product or any of its component parts. The State, and any person, agency, or instrumentality providing financial assistance for the work performed under this Agreement shall have an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the work product, and Local Sponsor shall not obtain copyright, trademark, service mark, or other proprietary protection for the work product. Local Sponsor shall not include in any work product any matter for which there is proprietary protection, unless the owner and any person, agency, or instrumentality providing financial assistance to the work hereunder gives prior written approval to use such protected matter. If any of the work products is subcontracted, the Local Sponsor shall bind the subcontractor to the terms of this Article.

ARTICLE XIII: RECORD KEEPING

- 13.1 Any payment required under this Agreement shall be for obligations incurred in performance of this Agreement and shall be supported by contracts, invoices, vouchers, and other data, as appropriate, evidencing the costs incurred.
- 13.2 All records shall be kept in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting procedures. The documentation in support of each action in the accounting records shall be filed in such a manner that it can be readily located. Records shall be maintained for three years after the completion of the Agreement.
- 13.3 Upon ODA's request, Local Sponsor shall provide reasonable access and a right to examine, during normal business hours, any and all books, documents, and records necessary to ensure or review compliance of this Agreement to ODA.

ARTICLE XIV: CONFIDENTIALITY

- 14.1 Local Sponsor shall not discuss or disclose any information or material obtained pursuant to its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of ODA.
- 14.2 All provisions of this Agreement relating to "confidentiality" shall remain binding upon Local Sponsor in the event of cancellation.

ARTICLE XV: NONDISCRIMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Local Sponsor agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in the conduct of the terms herein, including but not limited to ORC 125.111. In the event that any provision of this Agreement conflicts with any law, rule, or regulation, said law, rule or regulation shall prevail.

ARTICLE XVI: ASSIGNMENT

- Neither this Agreement nor any rights, duties, or obligations hereunder may be assigned or transferred in whole or in part by the Local Sponsor, without the prior written consent of ODA.
- 16.2 This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties.

ARTICLE XVII: OHIO ETHICS LAW REQUIREMENTS

- 17.1 Local Sponsor certifies that he/she has not given nor promised to give anything of value to any public official or employee of ODA or any other board, commission, or agency of the State of Ohio. Local Sponsor also certifies that he/she is in compliance with and will remain in compliance with all of the provisions of Ohio Ethics Law as provided by ORC 102.03 and 102.04.
- 17.2 Local Sponsor affirms that, as applicable to Local Sponsor, no party listed in ORC 3517.13(I) and (J) or spouse of such party has made, as an individual, one or more contributions totaling in excess of \$1,000.00 to the Governor or to his campaign committees within the two previous

calendar years.

17.3 Local Sponsor certifies that it does not have on its staff, payroll, or otherwise employed for monetary compensation or not, any employee who, within the past twelve months, was a public official or ODA employee or any other board, commission or agency of the State of Ohio who had the ability to make decisions regarding approval, disapproval, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation or otherwise exercised substantial administrative control over matters concerning Local Sponsor at the time of his/her state employment.

ARTICLE XVIII: LIABILITY

- 18.1 Each Party agrees to be responsible for their own liability resulting from the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of its trustees, officers, employees, and agents, including but not limited to patent or copyright infringement, while they are acting within the scope of this Agreement.
- 18.2 Each party to this Agreement shall be responsible for any breach of this Agreement, or negligent acts or omissions arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, or any other agreement entered into as a result of this Agreement, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as the parties may otherwise mutually agree. Nothing in this Agreement shall impute or transfer any such responsibility from one party to the other party.
- 18.3 Each party is responsible for paying its own costs and attorney's fees that arise from defending any claims brought under the terms of this Agreement.
- In no event shall either party be liable to the other party for indirect, consequential, incidental, special, or punitive damages, or lost profits.
- 18.5 If Local Sponsor enters into a Cooperative Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service ("USDA-NRCS") to receive matching funds under its Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Agricultural Land Easement ("ACEP-ALE") program, and to which ODA shall be obligated to act as party to or secondary beneficiary to that certain Cooperative Agreement and associated rights and responsibilities, Local Sponsor shall be responsible for any and all obligations which arise under or which are related to that Cooperative Agreement.

ARTICLE XIX: CONDITIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 19.1 Local Sponsor warrants that it is not listed with the Secretary of State for unfair labor practices, pursuant to ORC 121.23.Local Sponsor affirmatively represents and warrants to the State that it is not subject to a finding for recovery under ORC 9.24, or that it has taken the appropriate remedial steps required under ORC 9.24 or otherwise qualifies under that section.
- 19.2 Local Sponsor warrants that he/she has no outstanding final judgments against it by the State, including tax liabilities, and agrees that any payments provided to the Local Sponsor by the State pursuant to this Agreement may be applied against such liabilities currently owing or incurred in the future.
- 19.3 Local Sponsor agrees that if this representation and warranty is deemed to be false, the Agreement shall be void *ab initio*, and any funds paid by State hereunder shall be immediately repaid to State
- 19.4 Local Sponsor affirmatively represents that it does not and will not boycott any jurisdiction with whom the State can enjoy open trade during the contract period, in accordance with ORC 9.76.

ARTICLE XX: ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND WAIVER

- 20.1 This written Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between Local Sponsor and ODA, and there are no other agreements between them, either oral or written, which relate to the work to be performed under this Agreement.
- 20.2 This Agreement supersedes any and all previous agreements, whether written or oral, between the Parties. No change to any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless stated in writing

and signed by both parties to this Agreement.

- 20.3 No term or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed waived and no breach excused unless the waiver or consent is in writing and signed by both parties to this Agreement. ODA may at its discretion, in event of a breach, notify Local Sponsor of the breach and allow the time specified by ODA to correct the breach.
- A waiver by any Party of any breach or default by the other party under this Agreement shall not constitute a continuing waiver by such party of any subsequent act in breach of or in default hereunder.

ARTICLE XXI: NOTICES

- All notices, consents, requests, and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be given upon receipt thereof and shall be sent to the addresses set forth hereunder or to such other address as the other party hereto may designate by written notice transmitted in accordance with this provision. Electronic or facsimile notices are permitted when reasonable and upon approval by ODA.
 - In case of ODA to:
 Jody Bowen
 Ohio Department of Agriculture
 Office of Farmland Preservation
 8995 East Main Street Reynoldsburg,
 Ohio 43068
 - In case of the Local Sponsor to: Scott Stephens
 Delaware County Commissioners c/o
 Delaware Soil and Water and Conservation District 557
 Sunbury Road
 Suite A
 Delaware, OH 43015-8656
- Any and all notices and other documents and communications required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed duly given: (a) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand or courier service; (b) upon receipt by the transmitting party of confirmation or answer back if delivery is by facsimile or electronic means; or (c) upon the third day following delivery into the U.S. mail if delivery is by regular U.S. mail. Each such notice shall be sent to the respective party at the address indicated first above or at any other address as the respective party may designate by notice delivered pursuant hereto.

ARTICLE XXII: CONSTRUCTION, APPLICABLE LAW, AND HEADINGS

- 22.1 Under ORC Chapter 2743 the State of Ohio has waived its immunity from liability and consented to be sued and have its liability determined in its Court of Claims in accordance with the same rules of law applicable to suits between private parties, except to the extent the determination of the State of Ohio's liability is subject to limitations set forth in ORC Chapter 2743.
- In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the body of this Agreement and any exhibit hereto, the terms and provisions of the body of this Agreement shall control.
- 22.3 This Agreement and any claims arising in any way out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. Any provision of this Agreement prohibited by the law of Ohio shall be deemed void and of no effect.
- 22.4 All actions regarding this Agreement shall be forumed and venued in a court of competent subject matter jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio and both parties irrevocably waive any objections to convenience of forum. In the event that this Agreement should become subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, the parties agree that such jurisdiction shall be binding and take precedence over any other forum selection clauses of this Agreement.
- Any provision of this document found to be prohibited by law shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remainder of the Agreement.
- 22.6 The headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be used in interpreting

this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIII: DEBARMENT

Local Sponsor represents and warrants that it is not debarred from consideration for contract awards by the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, pursuant to either R.C.153.02 or ORC 25.25. If this representation and warranty is found to be false, this Agreement is void ab initio and Local Sponsor shall immediately repay to ODA any funds paid under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIV: ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT

Local Sponsor agrees to assign to ODA all State and Federal antitrust claims and causes of action that relate to all goods and services provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXV: EXCUSE OF PERFORMANCE

- 25.1 The performance of this Agreement, except for the payments of money for services already rendered, may be suspended by either Party for cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of such Party.
- 25.2 Such causes shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, acts of war, riot, fire, explosion, accident, flood or sabotage; unforeseeable or unpreventable lack of adequate fuel, power, raw materials, labor or transportation facilities; unforeseeable changes in governmental laws, regulations, requirements, orders or actions; unforeseeable or preventable breakage or failure of machinery or apparatus; national defense requirements; injunctions or restraining orders; unforeseeable or unpreventable labor trouble, strike, lockout or injunction, provided that neither Party shall be required to settle or prevent a labor dispute against its own best judgment.

ARTICLE XXVI: COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which is to be deemed an original, and all of such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile signature or other similar electronic reproduction of a signature shall have the force and effect of an original signature, and in the absence of an original signature, shall constitute the original signature. The provisions of this Agreement are severable and independent, and if any such provision shall be determined to be unenforceable in whole or in part, the remaining provisions and any partially enforceable provision shall, to the extent enforceable in any jurisdiction, nevertheless, be binding and enforceable.

ARTICLE XXVII: DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Local Sponsor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding drug-free and smoke-free workplace requirements and shall make good faith effort to ensure that all its employees will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or abuse prescription drugs in any way and will not violate Ohio Liquor Law or any other state or federal law regarding the sale, transfer, or consumption of alcoholic beverages

ARTICLE XXVIII: EXECUTION

This Agreement is not binding upon ODA unless executed in full.

A facsimile signature or other similar electronic reproduction of a signature shall have the force and effect of an original signature, and in the absence of an original signature, shall constitute the original signature.

(Copy of exhibits available in the Commissioners' Office and Soil and Water Conservation Office until no longer of Administrative value).

Vote on Motion Mr. Benton Aye Mr. Merrell Aye Mrs. Lewis Aye



RESOLUTION NO. 22-973

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 9.20 of the Revised Code, the Board may receive by gift, devise, or bequest moneys, lands, or other properties, for their benefit or the benefit of those under their charge; and

WHEREAS, Ohio First Responder Grants has made a \$2,500.00 financial donation to the Delaware County 9-1-1 Department First Responder Therapy Dog;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the donation of \$2,500.00 and thanks Ohio First Responder Grants for its generosity and commitment to Delaware County.

Vote on Motion Mrs. Lewis Aye Mr. Benton Aye Mr. Merrell Aye

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-974

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE PETITION AND THE DITCH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR MAEVE MEADOWS:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following:

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022 a Ditch Maintenance Petition for Maeve Meadows (the "Petition") was filed with the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Petition sets forth the drainage improvements that have been or will be constructed within Maeve Meadows, 23.19 acres in Berlin Township; and

WHEREAS, the petitioners have requested that the drainage improvements be accepted into the Delaware County Drainage Maintenance Program and that an annual maintenance assessment be collected with the real estate taxes for the improvements in the subject lot to cover the cost of current and future maintenance of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the petitioners represent 100% of the property owners to be assessed for maintenance related to this drainage improvement and have waived their rights to a public viewing and hearing; and

WHEREAS, based on a review of the Petition and all accompanying documents, the Board has determined that the improvements satisfy all statutory criteria pursuant to Chapters 6131 and 6137 of the Revised Code and all criteria for acceptance into the Delaware County Drainage Maintenance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board hereby grants the Petition, the Board having found and determined that the improvements satisfy all statutory criteria pursuant to Chapters 6131 and 6137 of the Revised Code and all criteria for acceptance into the Delaware County Drainage Maintenance Program.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves the maintenance assessments, in accordance with the Petition, as follows: The cost of the drainage improvements is \$376,133.51 and a detailed cost estimate is attached in Exhibit "D". The drainage improvements are being constructed for the benefit of the lots being created in the subject site. 35 lots are created in these plats and each lot received an equal share of the benefit (cost) of the project. The basis for calculating the assessment for each lot is therefore, \$10,746.67 per lot. An annual maintenance fee equal to 2% of this basis (\$214.93) will be collected for each developed lot. We (I) understand that the basis for calculating the maintenance assessment will be reviewed and possibly revised every 6 years. The first year's assessment for all of the lots in the amount of \$7.522.55 has been paid to Delaware County.

Vote on Motion Mr. Benton Aye Mrs. Lewis ye Mr. Merrell Aye

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-975

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PLATS OF SUBDIVISION FOR BERLIN MANOR SECTION 2, MAEVE MEADOWS AND WOODCREST CROSSING SECTION 5:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following:

Berlin Manor Section 2

WHEREAS, Berlin Manor One, LLC has submitted the plat of subdivision for Berlin Manor Section 2, including related development plans, and requests approval thereof by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the plat of Berlin Manor Section 2:

Berlin Manor Section 2:

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Delaware, Township of Berlin, being in Farm Lot 10, Section 3, Township 4, Range 18, United States Military Lands, containing 12.654 acres, said 12.654 acres being all of the 12.654 acre tract as conveyed to Berlin Manor One, LLC in Deed Volume 1965, Page 2122, Delaware County Recorder's Office. Cost: \$66.00 (\$3.00 per buildable lot)

Maeve Meadows

WHEREAS, Pulte Homes of Ohio, LLC, has submitted the plat of subdivision for Maeve Meadows, including related development plans, and requests approval thereof by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the plat of Maeve Meadows:

Maeve Meadows:

Situated in the State of Ohio, county of Delaware, Township of Berlin, Lot 11, Section 3, Township 4, Range 18, United States Military Lands, being all of that 23.838 acre tract, as conveyed to Pulte Homes of Ohio, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, of record in Official Record 1980, Page 2091, being of record in the Recorder's Office, Delaware County, Ohio. Cost: \$105.00 (\$3.00 per buildable lot)

Woodcrest Crossing Section 5

WHEREAS, M/I Homes of Ohio, LLC, has submitted the plat of subdivision for Woodcrest Crossing Section 5, including related development plans, and requests approval thereof by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the plat of Woodcrest Crossing Section 5:

Woodcrest Crossing Section 5:

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Delaware, Township of Liberty, in Farm Lot 34 (10.163 acre) and Lot 35 (0.316 acre), Quarter Township 3, Township 4, Range 19, United States Military Lands, containing 10.479 acres of land, more or less, said 10.479 acres being comprised of a part of each of those tracts of land conveyed to M/I Homes of Central Ohio, LLC by deeds of record in Official Record 1805, Page 2086, Official Record 1930, Page 2798, and Official Record 1985, Page 2703, Recorder's Office, Delaware County, Ohio. Cost: \$135.00 (\$3.00 per buildable lot)

Vote on Motion Mr. Merrell Aye Mr. Benton Aye Mrs. Lewis Aye



RESOLUTION NO. 22-976

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING RIGHT-OF-WAY WORK PERMIT SUMMARY SHEET:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following work permits:

WHEREAS, the below requests to perform work within the right-of-way have been reviewed and approved by the Delaware County Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following permits are hereby approved by the Board of Delaware County Commissioners:

Permit #	Applicant	Location	Type of Work	
UT2022-0183	DELCO WATER	SMART ROAD	WATER LINE	
UT2022-0184	DELCO WATER	FONTANELLE ROAD	WATER LINE	
UT2022-0185	COLUMBIA GAS	SCIOTO MEADOWS SOUTH	NATURAL GAS	

Vote on Motion Mrs. Lewis Aye Mr. Merrell Aye Mr. Benton Aye



RESOLUTION NO. 22-977

SECTION 4:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the roadway construction has been completed for the project known as Woodcrest Crossing Section 4 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, as the result of the Engineer's recent field review of the Project, the Engineer has determined that only minor remedial work remains, which can be accomplished during the subsequent one year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends that, in accordance with the Owner's Agreement, the maintenance bond be set at \$84,700.00 (10% of the original construction estimate) and that the Project be placed on the required one year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, M/I Homes of Central Ohio, LLC (the "Principal") has provided a maintenance bond in the amount of \$84,700.00 to cover the one year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer also recommends approval to return the construction performance bond to the Principal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners approves establishing the maintenance bond for the Project and returning the construction bond for the Project to the Principal.

Vote on Motion Mr. Merrell Aye Mrs. Lewis Aye Mr. Benton Aye

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-978

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLERK OF COURTS:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following:

Transfer of Appropriation

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Clerk of Courts/Printing and Related Services Clerk of Courts/General Supplies

Vote on Motion Mr. Benton Aye Mr. Merrell Aye Mrs. Lewis Aye

Other Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-979

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONER LEWIS TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION LOAN APPLICATION TO OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE OECC HEADWORKS AND AERATION UPGRADES PROJECT:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Regional Sewer District is completing the Olentangy Environmental Control Center Headworks and Aeration Upgrades Project; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Water Development Authority offers loans to Ohio communities to improve wastewater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Engineer has completed and seeks approval to submit a construction loan application to the Ohio Water Development Authority for the OECC Headworks and Aeration Upgrades Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board hereby approves, and authorizes Commissioner Lewis to execute, the construction loan application to the Ohio Water Development Authority for the OECC Headworks and Aeration Upgrades Project.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the sanitary engineer to submit the completed construction loan application to the Ohio Water Development Authority.

Vote on Motion Mrs. Lewis Aye Mr. Merrell Aye Mr. Benton Aye

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Dawn Huston, Deputy Administrator

-No reports.

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEES REPORTS

Commissioner Merrell

- -Attended the CORSA board meeting on Friday.
- -Participated in the Veteran's Day Parade yesterday.
- -Remember to get out and vote tomorrow if you have not already done so.

Commissioner Benton

- -Veterans' Day is Friday. There will be a breakfast to honor the Veterans that morning.
- -The OWU Economic Forum is tonight.
- -The Sunbury/Big Walnut Chamber annual meeting is this week.

Commissioner Lewis

- -Participated in the Veteran's Day Parade yesterday. A luncheon was held before the parade. Wendy's restaurant donated chili and Cheryl's Cookies donated cookies.
- -Thank you to Margo Michaels for her work in coordinating the parade.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-980

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 121.22(G) of the Revised Code, a public body may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, to hold an executive session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the matters specified in section 121.22(G)(1)–(7) of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 121.22(G)(8) of the Revised Code, a public body may hold an executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

- (1) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project; and
- (2) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio:

Section 1. The Board hereby adjourns into executive session for consideration of confidential information related to economic development.

Section 2. The Board hereby adjourns into executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Section 3. The Board hereby finds and determines that the information listed in Section 2 is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

Section 4. The Board hereby finds and determines that the executive session held pursuant to Section 2 is necessary to protect the interests of an applicant for economic development assistance or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

Vote on Motion Mrs. Lewis Aye Mr. Merrell Aye Mr. Benton Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 22-981

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Me	errell, seconded by	Mr. Ben	ton to adjourn out	t of Execu	itive Session.	
Vote on Motion	Mr. Merrell	Aye	Mrs. Lewis	Aye	Mr. Benton	Aye
There being no further b	usiness, the meeti	ng adjour	ned.			
			Gary I	Merrell		
			Barb I	Lewis		
			Jeff B	enton		
Jennifer Walraven, Clerk	c to the Commissi	oners	_			