

**Indian River County, Florida  
Department of Utility Services  
Board Memorandum**

**Date:** March 22, 2021

**To:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**From:** Vincent Burke, PE, Director of Utility Services

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**Subject:** West Wabasso Phase III Septic to Sewer Approval of SJRWMD Cost-Share Funding Agreement

**Background/Analysis:**

The West Wabasso Phase III septic to sewer project is a continuation from Phase I (completed in 2013) and Phase II (completed in 2019). The project will convert 36 existing septic systems to sewer, and 27 undeveloped parcels will be provided a lateral stub-out for future connection.

On August 21, 2020, the Indian River County Department of Utility Services (IRCDUS) submitted a Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 grant application to St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) for the West Wabasso Phase III Septic to Sewer (S2S) project in the amount of \$1,400,000. On January 12, 2021, the SJRWMD Governing Board approved of this request for funding but only awarded Indian River County a grant of \$1,250,000. The expiration date for the cost-share agreement is December 31, 2022. SJRWMD staff prepared the attached Cost-Share Agreement (Contract #36526) and forwarded it to the County for review and execution.

The estimated costs of the project are as follows:

Description	Estimated Cost
Design, Engineering	\$ 155,562
Construction	\$ 1,632,000
Impact Fees (36 ERUs*)	\$ 100,656
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,888,218</b>

\*ERU stands for Equivalent Residential Units

**Funding:**

Funds for this project are derived from multiple sources. The sources for this project are shown in the table below:

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT	Percent of Project Cost
IRCDUS	472-169000-21512	\$ 155,562	8.2%
SJRWMD IRL WQ Grant	472033-337300-21512	\$ 1,250,000	66.3%
Optional Sales Tax	31526836-066510-21512	\$ 482,656	25.5%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,888,218</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Consent Item

On February 2, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved IRCDUS funding amount of \$155,562 and use of Optional Sales Tax dollars of \$482,656. The project is anticipated to begin construction in December 2021 and anticipated completion is December 2022. Please note that if, during the procurement process, bids are much higher than the engineer's opinion of probable cost, the County has the option to close the agreement early without addressing any construction. The early closeout of the agreement would be brought as a new item to the board at that time.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve the Cost-Share Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute it on behalf of the County.

### **Attachments:**

1. Cost-Share Agreement with SJRWMD (Contract #36526)