## **STC METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3**

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#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA

Board of Directors: James A. Brzostowicz Angie Hulsebus Terry Willis VACANT VACANT

Office: President Treasurer Assistant Secretary

Term/Expires: 2023/May 2023 2023/May 2023 2023/May 2023 2022/May 2022 2022/May 2022

Peggy Ripko

Secretary

#### DATE: *February* 18, 2021

TIME:

9:00 A.M. LOCATION: DUE TO CONCERNS REGARDING THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND THE BENEFITS TO THE CONTROL OF THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS BY LIMITING IN-PERSON CONTACT, THIS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD BY TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM WITHOUT ANY INDIVIDUALS (NEITHER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES NOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC) ATTENDING IN PERSON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE USE ZOOM INFORMATION BELOW.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82182451344?pwd=NlcyZTd2dDlRVXJMQzV2UU9xKzl5dz09 Meeting ID: 821 8245 1344 Passcode: 350937

1 (253) 215-8782

Please email Peggy Ripko if there are any issues (pripko@sdmsi.com).

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Confirm Quorum. Present Disclosures of Potential Conflicts of Interest. A.

Β. Approve Agenda; confirm location of the meeting and posting of meeting notice.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A.

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#### III. LEGAL MATTERS

- A. Proposals for District General Counsel services:
  - 1. Question and answer session with Jennifer Ivey, Esq. with Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C.
  - 2. Question and answer session with Jeff Erb, Esq. with Seter & Vander Wall, P.C.
  - 3. Consider engagement of Firm to provide General Counsel Services.
- B. Discuss update on McGeady Becher P.C. District records retention policy (enclosure).

#### IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Discuss and ratify approval of the engagement of Dazzio & Associates, P.C. to perform the 2020 Audit (enclosure).

#### V. OTHER MATTERS

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- VI. ADJOURNMENT <u>THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR</u> JULY 7, 2021.

## McGeady Becher P.C. Document Retention Policy

#### **Types of Documents**

In representing you we will or may take possession of, create, and/or keep various types of documents. These consist of documents you provide to us, documents which constitute the District's official public record, and internal documents we create to assist us in providing services to you.

#### Documents You Provide to Us

It is our policy to copy and return original documents you provide to us as soon as practicable. Exceptions to this policy are original documents which should be kept as part of the District's official public record, instances where we must have an original document to represent you, or cases where we have affirmatively agreed retain a document for safekeeping.

### The District's Record

As a part our engagement, we will maintain the District's official public Record (the "**Record**"). The Record is a highly useful and detailed compilation of documents reflecting the official actions of the District and serves multiple functions. First, it collects those documents which the public is entitled to inspect and copy under various state and federal public records and freedom of information statutes. Second, it organizes the records of the District – such as its contracts, land and title records, and easements - in a manner which is useful in conducting the ongoing business of the District. Third, the Record helps expedite the District's annual audit process. Fourth, in the event you should change legal counsel or employ in-house counsel, the Record will enable that counsel to understand the status and assume representation of the District with maximum efficiency.

The Record includes the District's organizational documents, fully-executed agreements which are still in effect, rules, regulations, resolutions adopted by the District, official minutes books, meeting notices, agendas, insurance policies, District maps, election records, bond documents, audit documents, and many more. A comprehensive list of documents comprising the Record is available from us at any time upon request.

Creating and maintaining the Record is an important and complex task, and you agree to pay our actual costs and hourly fees associated with doing this.

#### Supplemental Documents

All other documents created in course of representing you are referred to as Supplemental Documents. These include our notes, drafts, memoranda, worksheets, electronic communications, and other electronic documents stored in various media or file servers.

#### **Documents We Retain**

Except as provided in this Document Retention Policy or an amendment thereto, we will keep the Record and any original documents accepted by us for safekeeping so long as we represent you.

#### **Delivery of the Record**

Once a matter is concluded or our has representation terminated, we deliver the original, printed Record, together with any original documents we have accepted for safekeeping, to you or the District's designee, provided our fees and costs have been paid in full. If you do not designate someone to receive these records, we will deliver them to a then-current officer or director of the District. If we are unable to deliver these documents because of your failure to designate a recipient, we may retain, destroy, or otherwise dispose of them in manner which assures their continued confidentiality within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of a matter or the termination of our representation.

We will also confidentially destroy the Record of any District in our possession if a final order of dissolution of the District is entered.

All other documents, including all Supplemental Documents, are routinely, periodically, confidentially, and permanently purged by us once they are no longer useful to us in providing services to you.



October 1, 2020

To the Board of Directors and Management STC Metropolitan District No. 3 c/o Special District Management Services, Inc. 141 Union Blvd, Suite 150 Lakewood, Colorado 80228

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide STC Metropolitan District No. 3 (the District) for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information that accompanies the 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 statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements:

1) Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –Budget and Actual – Debt Service Fund

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; 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 in the second paragraph 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 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 judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment 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 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. 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 laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors 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 also 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, confirmation of certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry.

### Audit Procedures—Internal Control

We will obtain an understanding of the government 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. 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 deficiencies in internal control. 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.

#### Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

#### **Other Services**

We will also prepare the financial statements of the District in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.

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, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management 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 government 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 government 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 and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information 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, and indicates that 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 our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon]. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for 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.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

### Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Dazzio & Associates, PC 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 a regulatory agency or its designee. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Dazzio & Associates, PC personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to a regulatory agency or its designee. The regulatory agency or its designee may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

Stephen Dazzio is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

Our fee for services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will not exceed \$4,000. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 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 significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

#### Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of STC Metropolitan District No. 3's financial statements which, if applicable, will also address other information in accordance with *AU-C 720, The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information Included in Annual Reports.* Our report will be addressed to the Board of Directors of the 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 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. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or withdraw from this engagement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the District and believe this letter 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 as described in this letter, please sign the attached copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Dassio & Associates, P.C.

**RESPONSE:** 

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of STC Metropolitan District No. 3.

	Peggy Ripko		
Mana	gement signature:		
Title:	District Manager		
Date:	02 / 15 / 2021		
Board signature:			
Title:	Board President		
Date:	02 / 15 / 2021		

## **STC METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3**

McGeady Becher, P.C. 450 E 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 400 Denver, CO 80203-1254

Our auditors, Dazzio & Associates, PC, 8200 S. Quebec St., Suite A3259, Centennial, Colorado, 80112,, are conducting an audit of our financial statements at December 31, 2020 and for the year then ended. This letter will serve as our consent for you to furnish to our auditors all the information requested herein. Accordingly, please provide to them the information requested below involving matters with respect to which you have been engaged and to which you have devoted substantive attention on behalf of STC Metropolitan District No. 3 in the form of legal consultation or representation.

# Pending or Threatened Litigation, Claims, and Assessments (excluding unasserted claims and assessments)

Please prepare a description of all material pending or threatened litigation, claims, and assessments (excluding unasserted claims and assessments). Materiality for purposes of this letter includes items involving amounts exceeding \$3,000 individually or in the aggregate. The description of each matter should include:

- 1) the nature of the litigation;
- 2) the progress of the matter to date;
- 3) how management of the District is responding or intends to respond to the litigation; e.g., to contest the case vigorously or to seek an out-of-court settlement; and
- 4) an evaluation of the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome and an estimate, if one can be made, of the amount or range of potential loss.

Also, please identify any pending or threatened litigation, claims, and assessments with respect to which you have been engaged but as to which you have not devoted substantive attention.

#### Unasserted Claims and Assessments

We have represented to our auditors that there are no unasserted possible claims or assessments that you have advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with *FASB Accounting Standards Codification 450, Contingencies.* 

We understand that, whenever, in the course of performing legal services for us with respect to a matter recognized to involve an unasserted possible claim or assessment that may call for financial statement disclosure, if you have formed a professional conclusion that we should disclose or consider disclosure concerning such possible claim or assessment, as a matter of professional responsibility to us, you will so advise us and will consult with us concerning the question of such disclosure and the applicable requirements of *FASB Accounting Standards Codification 450, Contingencies* (excerpts of which can be found in the ABA's *Auditor's Letter Handbook*). Please specifically confirm to our auditors that our understanding is correct.

#### <u>Response</u>

Your response should include matters that existed as of December 31, 2020, and during the period from that date to the effective date of your response. Please specify the date of your response if it is other than the date of reply.

Please specifically identify the nature of, and reasons for, any limitations on your response.

Very truly yours,

Peggy Ripko

STC Metropolitan District No. 3

# **HELLOSIGN**

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