## SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Stephen Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration

THRU: Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, Business and Community Services

DATE: August 18, 2020

RE: Release of Confidential Appraisal Report on the Madison Avenue, LLC.,

Conservation Easement, Levy County

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Executive Director to release the confidential and exempt appraisal acquired on Madison Avenue, LLC Conservation Easement in Levy County at his discretion in accordance with section 373.139 Florida Statutes.

## **BACKGROUND**

The District, through its contractor, North Florida Land Trust (NFLT) has been engaged in negotiations and assessment for the acquisition of a Conservation Easement over a 2,015 +/-acre parcel of real property located in Levy County. NFLT has received an appraisal on the parcel and the offeror has requested a copy of the appraisal.

Section 373.139, Florida Statutes, provides that appraisal reports in less than fee acquisition transactions are exempt and confidential from disclosure to the private landowner. The Statute goes on the permit disclosure if the District determines that the disclosure will bring the proposed acquisition to closure. The exempt and confidential status under the statute remains in effect until an option contract is executed or, if no option contract is executed, until 30 days before a contract or agreement for purchase is considered for approval by the governing board.

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