SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND LOCATED IN ALACHUA COUNTY OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO THE CITY OF NEWBERRY

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) owns 60.66 +/- acres of real property identified as the Newberry Wellfield, located in Alachua County, Florida as described in Attachment "A"; and

WHEREAS the property was purchased on February 21, 2001, for the purposes of a potable wellfield for the City of Newberry; and

WHEREAS the City of Newberry has utilized the property since 2001, for a wellfield and passive recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS the City of Newberry requested ownership of the property to take control of its wellfield and expand passive recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS the City of Newberry has agreed to take ownership of property by the District; and

WHEREAS it is mutually beneficial to the District and City of Newberry that fee ownership of the property transferred to the City of Newberry; and

WHEREAS the conveyance will include a reverter clause that any use inconsistent with the intended purpose will result in conveyance back to the District; and

WHEREAS the District will retain a conservation easement over the conveyed property; and

WHEREAS said conveyance is consistent with sections 373.056, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS said conveyance is in the public interest and for the public benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District, that:

1. The above statements are hereby certified and declared to be true and correct, and the conveyance of said lands are hereby further certified to be consistent with Section 373.056, Florida Statutes.
2. The Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director, the Governing Board attorney and all other officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to close and complete the acquisition.