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THE STATE OF TEXAS§COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON§SOMERSET HILLS ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3§

WHEREAS, Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 (the "District") has been created and established by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas (the "Commissioners Court") pursuant to the Texas Constitution (the "Constitution") and laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on May 10, 2008 (the "Bond Election"), the voters of the District authorized the issuance of bonds in the maximum amount of \$35,000,000 in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly Section 52 of Article III of the Constitution and laws enacted pursuant thereto, for the purpose of constructing, improving, acquiring or reimbursing for the costs of constructing, improving or acquiring, maintaining, financing and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes and related bridges, trails, drainage works, and other similar improvements and carrying out other improvements that are necessary, convenient, related, or in aid thereto or that are otherwise permitted to be done under applicable laws at the time of issuance of such bonds, both within and outside the boundaries of said District, or in aid of those purposes, and to refund any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued for any of the foregoing purposes in an amount not to exceed one and one-half times the amount of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued, such bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature serially or otherwise not more than thirty (30) years from their date and to bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time of issuance of the bonds); and

WHEREAS, the District has not issued any of its voted authorization from the Bond Election, leaving \$35,000,000 authorized but unissued bonds remaining from the Bond Election; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court, acting in its role as the governing body of the District, has determined that it is necessary and proper that a first series of \$915,000* tax-exempt road bonds be issued, together with a \$2,235,000* taxable series of road bonds, pursuant to Chapter 257, Texas Transportation Code and Chapter 1471, Texas Government Code leaving \$31,850,000 authorized but unissued bonds.

^{*} Preliminary, Subject to change based on final pricing.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS ACTING AS THE GOVERING BODY OF THE DISTRICT:

ARTICLE ONE PREAMBLE

SECTION 1.01 INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE. The Commissioners Court acting as the governing body of the Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 (the "District") hereby incorporates the recitals set forth in the preamble hereto as if set forth in full at this place and further finds and determines that the recitals are true and correct.

ARTICLE TWO DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

SECTION 2.01. **DEFINITIONS**. When used in this Bond Order, except in Article Six, and in any resolution or order amendatory or supplemental hereto, the terms listed below shall have the meanings specified below, unless it is otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

"Additional Bonds" means the additional bonds which the Commissioners Court expressly reserves the right to issue in Article Eleven of this Bond Order.

"Authorized Investments" means authorized obligations as permitted by the County Investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as may be amended from time to time.

"Bonds" means the tax-exempt Bonds initially issued and delivered pursuant to this Bond Order and all substitute Bonds exchanged therefor, as well as all other substitute bonds and replacement bonds issued pursuant hereto, and the term "Bond" shall mean any of the Bonds.

"Bond Election" means the May 10, 2008 election held within the District authorizing the issuance of \$35,000,000 of bonds to construct, reimburse for the costs of construction, acquire by purchase, maintain and operate macadamized, graded or paved roads in the District.

"Bond Order" or "Order" means this Bond Order of the Commissioners Court authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

"County" means Williamson County, Texas.

"Defeasance Securities" means (i) Federal Securities, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the Commissioners Court adopts or approves proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds or otherwise provide for the funding of an escrow to effect the defeasance of the Bonds are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent, and (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county,

municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the Commissioners Court adopts or approves proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds or otherwise provide for the funding of an escrow to effect the defeasance of the Bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm no less than "AAA" or its equivalent, and (iv) any other than authorized securities or obligations under applicable state law that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds.

"District" means Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 and any other public agency succeeding to the powers, rights, privileges, and functions of the District and, when appropriate, the Commissioners Court as the governing body of the District.

"Exchange Bonds" means Bonds registered, authenticated, and delivered by the Registrar, as provided in Section 4.01 of this Bond Order.

"Federal Securities" means direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America.

"Fiscal Year" means the twelve-month accounting period for the District, which presently is the twelve-month period beginning on October 1 of each year and ending on September 30 of the following year, but which may be changed from time to time by the Commissioners Court.

"Initial Bond" means the Bond authorized, issued, and initially delivered as provided in Sections 3.02 and 3.10 of this Bond Order.

"Interest Payment Date" means a date on which interest on the Bonds is due and payable. Interest on the Bonds is due and payable on February 15, 2024, and semi-annually on each August 15 and February 15 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or redemption.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Record Date" means, with respect to an Interest Payment Date, the last day of the month next preceding each such date whether or not such date is a business day.

"Redemption Date" means a date fixed for redemption of any Bond pursuant to the terms of this Bond Order.

"Register" or "Registration Books" means the registry system maintained on behalf of the District by the Registrar in which are listed the names and addresses of the Registered Owners and the principal amount of Bonds registered in the name of each Registered Owner.

"Registered Owner" means any person or entity in whose name a Bond is registered.

"Registrar" or "Paying Agent/Registrar" means BOKF, NA, or such other bank, trust company, financial institution, or other entity as may hereafter be designated by the District to act as paying agent and registrar for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Bond Order.

"Replacement Bonds" means the Bonds authorized by the District to be issued in substitution for lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken Bonds as provided in Section 4.02 of this Bond Order.

"Rule" means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SECTION 2.02. INTERPRETATIONS. The titles and headings of the articles and sections and the page numbers of this Bond Order have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered a part hereof and shall not in any way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof. This Bond Order and all the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein and to sustain the validity of the Bonds and the validity of the taxes levied in payment thereof.

ARTICLE THREE AUTHORIZATION, REGISTRATION, EXECUTION, AND AUTHENTICATION OF BONDS

SECTION 3.01. AMOUNT, NAME, PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZATION. Each Bond issued pursuant to this Bond Order shall be known and designated as "Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2023" and the Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$915,000† for the purpose of (i) constructing, improving, acquiring, or reimbursing for the costs of constructing, improving or acquiring, maintaining, financing and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes and related bridges, trails, drainage works and other similar improvements and carrying out other improvements that are necessary, convenient, related or in aid thereto, (ii) paying approximately 12 months' capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (iii) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 3.02. FORM, DATE, NUMBERS, AND DENOMINATION. The Bonds shall be issued and delivered in fully registered form without coupons, and may be transferred and exchanged after initial delivery as provided in Article Four of this Bond Order. The Bonds shall be dated September 12, 2023. The Bonds shall be numbered consecutively in order of their maturity as specified in Section 3.03 below. Bonds registered and delivered by the Registrar subsequent to the Initial Bond shall be numbered by the Registrar R-1 upward and no two Bonds shall be given the same number. The Bonds registered and delivered subsequent to the Initial Bond shall be in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

SECTION 3.03. INTEREST RATES AND MATURITIES. Bonds shall bear interest from the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, at the rate or rates set forth in the following schedule on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months, and shall mature and become payable, subject to prior redemption in accordance with the provisions of Article

[†] Preliminary, subject to change based on final pricing.

Five hereof. The Bonds shall mature on August 15 in each of the years and in the principal amounts set forth in the schedule below:

| Amount | Interest | Year of | Amount | Interest |
|-----------------|---|--|--|--|
| <u>Maturing</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Maturity</u> | <u>Maturing*</u> | Rate |
| * | | | | |
| \$ 20,000 | % | 2037 | \$ 35,000 | % |
| 20,000 | | 2038 | 40,000 | |
| 20,000 | | 2039 | 40,000 | |
| 20,000 | | 2040 | 45,000 | |
| 25,000 | | 2041 | 45,000 | |
| 25,000 | | 2042 | 50,000 | |
| 25,000 | | 2043 | 50,000 | |
| 25,000 | | 2044 | 55,000 | |
| 30,000 | | 2045 | 55,000 | |
| 30,000 | | 2046 | 60,000 | |
| 35,000 | | 2047 | 65,000 | |
| 35,000 | | 2048 | 65,000 | |
| | <u>Maturing</u> * 20,000 20,000 20,000 20,000 25,000 25,000 25,000 25,000 30,000 30,000 35,000 | Maturing Rate * \$20,000 % \$20,000 % 20,000 20,000 20,000 20,000 20,000 25,000 25,000 25,000 25,000 30,000 30,000 30,000 35,000 | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ |

SECTION 3.04. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST. The Registrar is hereby appointed as the paying agent for the Bonds. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable, without exchange or collection charges, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, on the date of payment, is legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America, upon their presentation and surrender as they become due and payable, whether at maturity or by prior redemption in the case of the Bonds, at the designated office for payment of the Registrar. The interest on each Bond shall be payable on February 15, 2024, and semiannually thereafter on August 15 and February 15 of each year by check payable on the Interest Payment Date, mailed by the Registrar on or before each Interest Payment Date to the Registered Owner as shown on the Register on the Record Date or, at the request of a Registered Owner, and at the Registered Owner's risk and expense, in such other manner as may be acceptable to the Registered Owner and the Registrar. Any accrued interest payable at maturity or earlier redemption, in the case of the Bonds, shall be paid upon presentation and surrender of the Bond to which such interest appertains.

If the date for payment on any Bond is a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, or the United States Postal Service is not open for business, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions are authorized by law or executive order to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

SECTION 3.05. SUCCESSOR REGISTRARS. The District covenants that at all times while any Bonds are outstanding it will provide a bank, trust company, financial institution

^{*} Preliminary, subject to change based on final pricing.

or other entity duly qualified and duly authorized to act as Registrar for the Bonds. The District reserves the right to change the Registrar on not less than 30 days written notice to the Registrar, so long as any such notice is effective at such time as to not disrupt payment on the next succeeding principal or interest payment date on the Bonds. Promptly upon the appointment of any successor Registrar, the previous Registrar shall deliver the Register or copies thereof to the new Registrar, and the new Registrar shall notify each Registered Owner, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, of such change and of the address of the new Registrar. Each Registrar hereunder, by acting in that capacity, shall be deemed to have agreed to the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 3.06. SPECIAL RECORD DATE. If interest on any Bond is not paid on any Interest Payment Date and continues unpaid for 30 days thereafter, the Registrar shall establish a new record date for the payment of such interest, to be known as a Special Record Date. The Registrar shall establish a Special Record Date when funds to make such interest payment are received from or on behalf of the District. Such Special Record Date shall be 15 days prior to the date fixed for payment of such past due interest and notice of the date of payment and the Special Record Date shall be sent by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, not later than 5 days prior to the Special Record Date, to each affected Registered Owner of record as of the close of business on the day prior to the mailing of such notice.

SECTION 3.07. REGISTERED OWNERS. The District, the Registrar and any other person may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the absolute Registered Owner of such Bond for the purpose of making payment of principal or interest on such Bond, and for all other purposes, whether or not such Bond is overdue, and neither the District, nor the Registrar shall be bound by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. All payments made to the person deemed to be the Registered Owner of any Bond in accordance with this Section 3.07 shall be valid and effectual and shall discharge the liability of the District and the Registrar upon such Bond to the extent of the sums paid.

SECTION 3.08. EXECUTION OF BONDS. The Bonds shall be signed on behalf of the District by the County Judge, County Clerk and County Treasurer, by their manual, lithographed, or facsimile signatures, and the official seal of the District shall be impressed or placed in facsimile thereon. The facsimile signatures on the Bonds shall have the same effect as if each of the Bonds had been signed manually and in person by each of said officers, and the facsimile seal on the Bonds shall have the same effect as if the official seal of the District whose manual or facsimile signature appears on the Bonds. If any officer of the District whose manual or facsimile signature appears on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the authentication of such Bonds or before the delivery of such Bonds, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if such officer had remained in such office.

SECTION 3.09. AUTHENTICATION. The Initial Bond shall bear thereon a certificate of registration of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, substantially in the form provided in Section 6.02 of this Bond Order, manually executed by the Comptroller or a duly authorized deputy. All other Bonds shall bear a certificate of authentication, substantially in the form provided in Section 6.03 of this Bond Order, manually

executed by an authorized officer of the Registrar. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless either the registration certificate of the Comptroller or the authentication certificate of the Registrar has been signed by a duly authorized officer thereof.

SECTION 3.10. BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY PROVISIONS. (a) Book-Entry-Only System. The Bonds issued in exchange for the Initial Bond shall be issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each of the maturities thereof registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC and except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, all of the outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

With respect to Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations on whose behalf DTC was created to hold securities to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among DTC participants (the "DTC Participant") or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a Registered Owner, as shown on the Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any person, other than a Registered Owner, as shown in the Register of any amount with respect to principal of or interest on the Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond Order to the contrary, but to the extent permitted by law, the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be entitled to treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Register as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal of and interest, with respect to such Bond, for the purposes of registering transfers with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of the respective Registered Owners, as shown in the Register as provided in this Bond Order, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the District's obligations with respect to payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a Registered Owner, as shown in the Register, shall receive a Bond evidencing the obligation of the District to make payments of principal, and interest pursuant to this Bond Order. Upon delivery by DTC to the Paying Agent/Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., and subject to the provisions in this Bond Order with respect to interest checks being mailed to the registered owner at the close of business on the Record Date the word "Cede & Co." in this Bond Order shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

(b) <u>Successor Securities Depository; Transfer Outside Book-Entry-Only System</u>. In the event that the District determines to discontinue the book-entry system through DTC or a successor or DTC determines to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds, the District shall either (i) appoint a successor securities depository, qualified to act as such under Section 17(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notify DTC and DTC

Participants of the appointment of such successor securities depository and transfer one or more separate Bonds to such successor securities depository or (ii) notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of Bonds and transfer one or more separate Bonds to DTC Participants having Bonds credited to their DTC accounts. In such event, the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Register in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, but may be registered in the name of the successor securities depository, or its nominee, or in whatever name or names the Registered Owner transferring or exchanging Bond shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of this Bond Order.

(c) <u>Payments to Cede & Co</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond Order to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of, and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, in the manner provided in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations of the District to DTC.

(d) <u>DTC Blanket Letter of Representations</u>. The District hereby confirms the execution of a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations with DTC establishing the Book-Entry-Only System which will be utilized with respect to the Bonds.

(e) <u>Cancellation of Initial Bond</u>. On the closing date, one Initial Bond representing the entire principal amount of the Bonds, payable in stated installments to the order of the Underwriter of the Bonds or its designee set forth in Section 15.01 of this Bond Order, executed by manual or facsimile signature of the President or Vice-President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary, approved by the Attorney General of Texas, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, will be delivered to such Underwriter or its designee set forth in Section 15.01 of this Bond Order. Upon payment for the Initial Bond, the Registrar shall cancel the Initial Bond and deliver to DTC on behalf of such Underwriter one registered definitive Bond for each year of maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of all the Bonds for such maturity.

ARTICLE FOUR REGISTRATION, TRANSFER, AND EXCHANGE

SECTION 4.01. REGISTRATION, TRANSFER, AND EXCHANGE. So long as any Bonds remain outstanding, the Registrar shall keep at its designated office for payment the Register, in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Registrar shall provide for the registration and transfer of Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Bond Order.

Each Bond shall be transferable only upon the presentation and surrender thereof at the designated office for payment of the Registrar, duly endorsed for transfer, or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the Registered Owner or an authorized representative in form satisfactory to the Registrar. Upon due presentation of any Bond for transfer, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor, within 72 hours after such presentation, a new Bond or Bonds of the same type, registered in the name of the transferee or transferees, in

authorized denominations and of the same maturity and aggregate principal amount, and bearing interest at the same rate as the Bond or Bonds so presented.

All Bonds shall be exchangeable upon presentation and surrender thereof at the designated office for payment of the Registrar for a Bond or Bonds of the same maturity and interest rate and in any authorized denomination, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the Bond or Bonds presented for exchange. The Registrar shall be and is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver exchange Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4.01. Each Bond delivered in accordance with this Section 4.01 shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Bond Order to the same extent as the Bond or Bonds in lieu of which such Bond is delivered.

The District or the Registrar may require the Registered Owner of any Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the transfer or exchange of such Bond. Any fee or charge of the Registrar for such transfer or exchange shall be paid by the District.

No additional ordinances, orders, or resolutions need be passed or adopted by the governing body of the District or any other body or person so as to accomplish the foregoing conversion and exchange of any Bond or portion thereof, and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall provide for the printing, execution, and delivery of the substitute Bonds in the manner prescribed herein, and the Bonds shall be of type composition printed on paper with lithographed or steel engraved borders of customary weight and strength. Pursuant to Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, as amended, and particularly Section 1201.062 thereof, the duty of conversion and exchange of Bonds as aforesaid is hereby imposed upon the Paying Agent/Registrar, and, upon the execution of the Bond, the converted and exchanged Bond shall be valid, incontestable, and enforceable in the same manner and with the same effect as the Bonds which initially were issued and delivered pursuant to this Bond Order, approved by the Attorney General, and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

<u>SECTION 4.02.</u> <u>MUTILATED, LOST, OR STOLEN BONDS</u>. Upon the presentation and surrender to the Registrar of a mutilated Bond, the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a replacement Bond of like maturity, interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. If any Bond is lost, apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken, the District, pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Texas and in the absence of notice or knowledge that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver a replacement Bond of like amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

The District or the Registrar may require the Registered Owner of a mutilated Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith and any other expenses connected therewith, including apparently destroyed, or wrongfully taken, the District, pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Texas and in the absence of notice or knowledge that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver a replacement Bond of like amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. The District or the Registrar may require the Registered Owner of a mutilated Bond to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection therewith and any other expenses connected therewith, including the fees and expenses of the Registrar. The District or the Registrar may require the Registered Owner of a lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken Bond, before any replacement Bond is issued, to:

- (a) furnish to the District and the Registrar satisfactory evidence of the ownership of and the circumstances of the loss, destruction or theft of such Bond;
- (b) furnish such security or indemnity as may be required by the Registrar and the District to save them harmless;
- (c) pay all expenses and charges in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, printing costs, legal fees, fees of the Registrar and any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed; and
- (d) meet any other reasonable requirements of the District and the Registrar.

If, after the delivery of such replacement Bond, a bona fide purchaser of the original Bond which such replacement Bond was issued presents for payment such original Bond, the District and the Registrar shall be entitled to recover such replacement Bond from the person to whom it was delivered or any person taking therefrom, except a bona fide purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the District or the Registrar in connection therewith.

If any such mutilated, lost, apparently destroyed or wrongfully taken Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the District in its discretion may, instead of issuing a replacement Bond, authorize the Registrar to pay such Bond.

Each replacement Bond delivered in accordance with this Section 4.02 shall be entitled to the benefits and security of this Bond Order to the same extent as the Bond or Bonds in lieu of which such replacement is delivered.

ARTICLE FIVE REDEMPTION OF BONDS BEFORE MATURITY

<u>SECTION 5.01.</u> <u>REDEMPTION OF BONDS</u>. The District reserves the right to redeem the Bonds as set forth in the FORM OF BOND in Section 6.01.

ARTICLE SIX FORM OF BOND

SECTION 6.01. FORM OF BOND. The Bonds authorized by this Bond Order shall be in substantially the following form, with such omissions, insertions, and variations, including variations in form, spacing, and style, as may be necessary and desirable and consistent with the terms of this Bond Order. The District shall provide sufficient printed bond forms, duly

executed by the District, to the Registrar for registration, authentication, and delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Bond Order.

FORM OF BOND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF TEXAS WILLIAMSON COUNTY

SOMERSET HILLS ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 UNLIMITED TAX ROAD BOND SERIES 2023

MATURITY

DATE

NO. R-

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$915,000

CUSIP

NO.

INTEREST RATE

DATE OF BONDS

September 12, 2023

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: NINE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

ON THE MATURITY DATE specified above, SOMERSET HILLS ROAD **DISTRICT NO. 3** (the "District"), being a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner set forth above, or registered assign (hereinafter called the "Registered Owner") the principal amount set forth above, and to pay interest thereon calculated on the basis of a 360 day year of twelve 30 day months, from the date of initial delivery of the Bonds of September 12, 2023 on February 15, 2024 and semiannually on each August 15 and February 15 thereafter (an "Interest Payment Date") to the maturity date specified above, or the date of redemption prior to maturity, at the interest rate per annum specified above; except that if this Bond is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is after any Record Date (hereinafter defined) but on or before the next following Interest Payment Date, in which case such principal amount shall bear interest from such next following Interest Payment Date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Bond or Bonds, if any, for which this Bond is being exchanged or converted from is due but has not been paid, then this Bond shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during any period in which ownership of the Bonds is determined only by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, any payment to the securities depository, or its nominee or registered assigns, shall be made in accordance with existing arrangements between the District and the securities depository.

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without exchange or collection charges. The principal of this Bond shall be paid to the Registered Owner hereof upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at maturity or upon the date fixed for its redemption prior to maturity at BOKF, NA which is the "Registrar" or "Paying Agent/Registrar" for this Bond at its designated office for payment in Dallas, Texas. The payment of interest on this Bond shall be made by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the Registered Owner hereof on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft, dated as of such Interest Payment Date, drawn by the Registrar on, and payable solely from, funds of the District required by the order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Order") to be on deposit with the Registrar for such purpose as hereinafter provided; and such check or draft shall be sent by the Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on or before each such Interest Payment Date, to the Registered Owner hereof, at its address as it appeared on the last day of the month next preceding each such date, whether or not such date is a business day (the "Record Date") on the Register kept by the Registrar listing the names and addresses of the Registered Owners (the "Register"). In addition, interest may be paid by such other method, acceptable to the Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the Registered Owner. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 calendar days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the District. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 calendar days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least 5 business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the address of each Registered Owner as it appears on the Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

DURING ANY PERIOD in which ownership of the Bonds is determined only by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, if fewer than all of the Bonds of the same maturity and bearing the same interest rate are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds of such maturity and bearing such interest rate shall be selected in accordance with the arrangements between the District and the securities depository.

ANY ACCRUED INTEREST due at maturity or upon the redemption of this Bond prior to maturity as provided herein shall be paid to the Registered Owner upon presentation and surrender of this Bond for payment at the designated office for payment of the Paying Agent/Registrar. The District covenants with the Registered Owner of this Bond that on or before each principal payment date, interest payment date, and any redemption date for this Bond it will make available to the Registrar, from the "Debt Service Fund" the creation of which is affirmed by the Bond Order, the amounts required to provide for the payment, in immediately available funds, of all principal of and interest on the Bonds, when due.

IF THE DATE for any payment due on this Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the designated office for payment of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, or the United States Postal Service is not open for business, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on

which banking institutions are authorized to close, or the United States Postal Service is not open for business; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

THIS BOND is one of a series of Bonds dated as of September 12, 2023 and authorized to be issued pursuant to Article III, Section 52 of the Texas Constitution and the Bond Order adopted by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County acting as the governing body of the District (the "Commissioners Court") in the principal amount of \$915,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF (I) CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, ACQUIRING, OR REIMBURSING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING OR ACQUIRING, FOR THE MAINTAINING, FINANCING AND OPERATING MACADAMIZED, GRAVELED OR PAVED ROADS AND TURNPIKES AND RELATED BRIDGES, TRAILS, DRAINAGE WORKS AND OTHER SIMILAR IMPROVEMENTS AND CARRYING OUT OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY, CONVENIENT, RELATED OR IN AID THERETO, (II) PAYING APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS' CAPITALIZED INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND (III) PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

ON AUGUST 15, 2028 OR ON ANY DATE THEREAFTER, the Bonds maturing on and after August 15, 2029 may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, at the option of the District, with funds derived from any available and lawful source, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption as a whole, or from time to time in part, and, if in part, the particular Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed shall be selected and designated by the District, or sinking fund installments in the case of any Term Bonds, and if less than all of a maturity or sinking fund installment in the case of any Term Bonds, are to be redeemed the Registrar shall determine by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof within such maturity to be redeemed (provided that a portion of a Bond may be redeemed only in integral multiples of \$5,000 of principal amount).

THE BONDS MATURING ON August 15, 20_, 20_ and 20_ are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption by lot prior to maturity in the following amounts, on the following dates and at a price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date ("Term Bonds").

| | Redemption Date August 15, 20 August 15, 20 | Principal Amount \$ \$ |
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| Final Maturity | - Term Bonds Maturing | g on August 15, 20 * |
| | Redemption Date August 15, 20 | Principal Amount \$ |

*Final Maturity

Term Bonds Maturing on August 15, 20__*Redemption DatePrincipal AmountAugust 15, 20__\$August 15, 20__\$

*Final Maturity

THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT of the Term Bonds required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of the mandatory sinking fund redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the District by the principal amount of any Term Bonds of the stated maturity which, at least 50 days prior to a mandatory redemption date, (1) shall have been acquired by the District, at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, (2) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the District with monies in the Debt Service Fund at a price not exceeding the principal amount of the Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase thereof, or (3) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions and not theretofore credited against a mandatory sinking fund redemption requirement.

AT LEAST 30 calendar days prior to the date fixed for any optional redemption of Bonds or portions thereof prior to maturity a written notice of such redemption shall be sent by the Registrar by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the Registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the Register on the 45th calendar day prior to such redemption date at least 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and to major securities depositories and bond information services. By the date fixed for any such redemption due provision shall be made with the Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Bonds or portions for which such payment is made, all as provided above. The Bonds or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the Registered Owner to receive the redemption price from the Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment. If a portion of any Bond shall be redeemed, a substitute Bond or Bonds having the same maturity date, bearing interest at the same rate, in any authorized denomination or denominations, at the written request of the Registered Owner, and in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof, will be issued to the Registered Owner upon the surrender thereof for cancellation, at the expense of the District, all as provided in the Bond Order.

WITH RESPECT TO any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Bond Order have been met and moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed shall have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice shall state that said redemption may, at the option of the District, be conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and receipt of such moneys by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, or upon any prerequisite set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption and sufficient moneys are not received, such notice shall be of no force and effect, the District shall not redeem such Bonds and the Paying Agent/Registrar shall give notice, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that the Bonds have not been redeemed.

ALL BONDS OF THIS SERIES are issuable solely as fully registered Bonds, without interest coupons, in the principal denomination in the case of the Bonds, of any integral multiple of \$5,000. As provided in the Bond Order, this Bond may, at the request of the Registered Owner or the assignee or assignees hereof, be assigned, transferred, converted into and exchanged for a like aggregate amount of fully registered Bonds, without interest coupons, payable to the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, having any authorized denomination or denominations as requested in writing by the appropriate Registered Owner, assignee or assignees, as the case may be, upon surrender of this Bond to the Registrar for cancellation, all in accordance with the form and procedures set forth in the Bond Order. Among other requirements for such assignment and transfer, this Bond must be presented and surrendered to the Registrar, together with proper instruments of assignment, in form and with guarantee of signatures satisfactory to the Registrar, evidencing assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions hereof in any authorized denomination to the assignee or assignees in whose name or names this Bond or any such portion or portions hereof is or are to be registered. The Form of Assignment printed or endorsed on this Bond may be executed by the Registered Owner to evidence the assignment hereof, but such method is not exclusive, and other instruments of assignment satisfactory to the Registrar may be used to evidence the assignment of this Bond or any portion or portions hereof from time to time by the Registered Owner. The Registrar's reasonable standard or customary fees and charges for assigning, transferring, converting and exchanging any Bond or portion thereof will be paid by the District. In any circumstance, any taxes or governmental charges required to be paid with respect thereto shall be paid by the one requesting such assignment, transfer, conversion or exchange, as a condition precedent to the exercise of such privilege. The Registrar shall not be required to make any such transfer, conversion or exchange of any Bond or any portion thereof (i) during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or Interest Payment Date or (ii) within 45 calendar days prior to its redemption date; provided, however, such limitation on transferability shall not be applicable to an exchange by the Registered Owner of the unredeemed balance hereof in the event of its redemption in part.

WHENEVER the beneficial ownership of this Bond is determined by a book entry at a securities depository for the Bonds, the foregoing requirements of holding, delivering or transferring this Bond shall be modified to require the appropriate person or entity to meet the requirements of the securities depository as to registering or transferring the book entry to produce the same effect.

IN THE EVENT any Registrar for the Bonds is changed by the District, resigns, or otherwise ceases to act as such, the District has covenanted in the Bond Order that it promptly will appoint a competent and legally qualified substitute therefor, and cause written notice thereof to be mailed to the Registered Owners of the Bonds.

THE BONDS are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax, without legal limit as to rate or amount, levied upon all taxable property within the District. The Bond Order further provides that the pledge of taxes, to the payment of the Bonds shall terminate at such time, if ever, money and/or Defeasance Securities in an amount sufficient to defease the Bonds is deposited with or made available to the Registrar in accordance with the Bond Order.

THE BONDS are issued pursuant to the Bond Order, whereunder the Commissioners Court covenants to levy a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, without legal limit as to rate or amount, on taxable property within the District, for each year while any part of the Bonds are considered outstanding under the provisions of the Bond Order, in sufficient amount, together with revenues and receipts available from other sources which are equally available for such purposes, to pay interest on the Bonds as it becomes due, to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of the Bonds when due or the redemption price at any earlier required redemption date with respect to the Bonds, and to pay the expenses of assessing and collecting such tax, all as more specifically provided in the Bond Order. Reference is hereby made to the Bond Order for provisions with the custody and application of funds, remedies in the event of a default hereunder or thereunder, and the other rights of the Registered Owners of the Bonds. By acceptance of this Bond the Registered Owner hereof consents to all of the provisions of the Bond Order, a certified copy of which is on file in the office of the District.

THE OBLIGATION to pay the principal of and the interest on this Bond is solely and exclusively the obligation of the District until such time, if ever, as the District is abolished and this Bond is assumed as described above. No other entity, including the State of Texas, any political subdivision thereof other than the District, or any other public or private body, is obligated, directly, indirectly, contingently, or in any other manner, to pay the principal of or the interest on this Bond from any source whatsoever. No part of the physical properties of the District, including the properties provided by the proceeds of the Bonds, is encumbered by any lien for the benefit of the Registered Owner of this Bond.

THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT to issue additional bonds heretofore or hereafter duly authorized at elections held in the District payable from a lien on and pledge of taxes. The District further reserves the right to issue refunding bonds in any manner permitted by law to refund any bonds (including the Bonds) at or prior to their respective dates of maturity or redemption.

TO THE EXTENT permitted by and in the manner provided in the Bond Order, the terms and provisions of the Bond Order and the rights of the Registered Owners of the Bonds may be modified with, in certain circumstances, the consent of the Registered Owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds affected thereby; provided, however, that, without the consent of the Registered Owners of all of the Bonds affected, no such modification shall (i) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, (ii) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (iii) reduce the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds required for consent to any such modification.

THIS BOND shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit under the Bond Order unless this Bond either (a) is registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas as evidenced by execution of the registration certificate endorsed hereon or (b) is authenticated as evidenced by execution of the authentication certificate endorsed hereon by the Registrar.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, COVENANTED, AND REPRESENTED that all acts, conditions, and things necessary to be done precedent to the issuance of the Bonds in order to render the same legal, valid, and binding obligations of the District have happened and have been accomplished and performed in regular and due time, form, and manner, as required by law; that provision has been made for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds by the levy of a continuing, direct annual ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the District and that issuance of the Bonds does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation. In the event that any provisions herein contained do or would, presently or prospectively, operate to make any part hereof void or voidable, such provisions shall be without effect or prejudice to the remaining provisions hereof, which shall nevertheless remain operative, and such violative provisions, if any, shall be reformed by a court of competent jurisdiction within the limits of the laws of the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that the Bonds have been designated as "qualified taxexempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Bond to be signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the County Judge and countersigned with the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk and County Treasurer and has caused the official seal to be duly impressed, or placed in facsimile, on this Bond.

SOMERSET HILLS ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3

County Clerk

County Judge

County Treasurer

(SEAL)

SECTION 6.02. REGISTRATION OF INITIAL BOND BY STATE COMPTROLLER AND CERTIFICATE. The Initial Bond shall be registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas as provided by law. The registration certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas shall be printed on the face of the Initial Bond and shall be in substantially the following form:

COMPTROLLER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE: REGISTER NO.

I hereby certify that this Bond has been examined, certified as to validity, and approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and that this Bond has been registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Witness my signature and seal this ______.

Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas

(COMPTROLLER'S SEAL)

<u>SECTION 6.03.</u> FORM OF AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE. The following form of authentication certificate shall be printed on the face of each of the Bonds other than the Initial Bond:

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

(To be executed if this Bond is not accompanied by an executed Registration Certificate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas)

It is hereby certified that this Bond has been issued under the provisions of the Bond Order described in the text of this Bond; and that this Bond has been issued in conversion or replacement of, or in exchange for, a Bond, Bonds, or a portion of a Bond or Bonds of a series which originally was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

Dated:

BOKF, NA

Registrar

By___

Authorized Representative

SECTION 6.04. FORM OF ASSIGNMENT. A form of assignment shall be printed on the back of each of the Bonds and shall be in substantially the following form:

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

(Please insert Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number of Transferee)

(Please print or typewrite name and address, including zip code of Transferee)

the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _________, attorney, to register the transfer of the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated:

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange or a commercial bank or trust company. NOTICE: The signature above must correspond with the name of the Registered Owner as it appears on the front of this Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

<u>SECTION 6.05.</u> <u>CUSIP REGISTRATION</u>. The County Judge of the Commissioners Court may secure the printing of identification numbers on the Bonds through the CUSIP Service Bureau.

SECTION 6.06. LEGAL OPINION AND BOND INSURANCE. The approving opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Austin, Texas, may be printed on the Bonds. In addition, if any bond insurance is obtained, any statement of insurance may be placed on the Bonds.

SECTION 6.07. INSERTIONS FOR THE INITIAL BOND. The initial Bond shall be in the form set forth in this Section, except that:

A. immediately under the name of the Bond, the headings "INTEREST RATE" and "MATURITY DATE" shall both be completed with the words "As Shown Below" and "CUSIP NO." shall be deleted.

B. the first paragraph shall be deleted and the following will be inserted:

"ON THE MATURITY DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE, Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 (the "District"), being a political subdivision, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns (hereinafter called the "Registered Owner"), on August 15 in each of the years, in the principal installments and bearing interest at the per annum rates set forth in the following schedule:

Year of Maturity Amount Maturing Interest Rate

(Information from Section 3.03 to be inserted)

The District promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount hereof (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) from the date of initial delivery of the Bonds on September 12, 2023 at the respective Interest Rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable on February 15, 2024 and semiannually on each August 15 and February 15 thereafter to the date of payment of the principal installment specified above; except, that if this Bond is required to be authenticated and the date of its authentication is after any Record Date (hereinafter defined) but on or before the next following interest payment date, in which case such principal amount shall bear interest from such next following interest payment date; provided, however, that if on the date of authentication hereof the interest on the Bond or Bonds, if any, for which this Bond is being exchanged is due but has not been paid, then this Bond shall bear interest from the date to which such interest has been paid in full."

C. The initial Bond shall be numbered "T-1."

ARTICLE SEVEN SECURITY OF THE BONDS

SECTION 7.01. SECURITY OF BONDS AND PERFECTION OF LIEN. The Bonds are secured by and payable from the levy of a continuing, direct annual ad valorem tax, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property within the District. THE BONDS ARE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM AD VALOREM TAX PROCEEDS PAYABLE BY PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF, NOR ARE THEY BACKED BY THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS OR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. The Bonds shall not constitute the personal obligation, either jointly or severally, of the members or officers of the District or the Commissioners Court.

Chapter 1208, Texas Government Code, applies to the issuance of the Bonds and the pledge of the ad valorem taxes granted by the District under this Bond Order, and is therefore valid, effective, and perfected. If Texas law is amended at any time while the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid such that the pledge of ad valorem taxes granted by the District under this Bond Order is to be subject to the filing requirements of Chapter 9, Business & Commerce Code, then in order to preserve to the registered owners of the Bonds the perfection of the security interest in said pledge, the District agrees to take such measures as it determines are reasonable and necessary under Texas law to comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 9, Business & Commerce Code and enable a filing to perfect the security interest in said pledge to occur.

SECTION 7.02. LEVY OF TAX. To pay the interest on the Bonds, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, and to pay the expenses of

assessing and collecting such taxes, there is hereby levied, and there shall be assessed and collected in due time, a continuing, direct annual ad valorem tax without limit as to rate or amount on all taxable property in the District for each year while any of the Bonds are outstanding. All of the proceeds of such collections, except expenses incurred in that connection, shall be paid into the Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 Debt Service Fund, maintained in the County Treasury at its official depository bank, and the aforementioned tax and such payments into such fund shall continue until the Bonds and the interest thereon have been fully paid and discharged, and such proceeds shall be used for such purposes and no other. During each year while any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, the Commissioners Court of the County shall compute and ascertain the rate and amount of ad valorem tax, based on the latest approved tax rolls of the District, with full allowances being made for tax delinquencies and costs of tax collections, which will be sufficient to raise and produce the money required to pay the interest on the Bonds as such interest comes due, and to pay the principal of the Bonds as such principal matures or is mandatorily redeemed in the years and in the principal amounts set forth in Section 3.03 hereof. Said rate and amount of ad valorem tax is hereby ordered to be levied and is hereby levied without limit as to rate or amount against all taxable property in the District for each year while any of said Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, and said ad valorem tax shall be assessed and collected each such year and deposited to the credit of the aforesaid Debt Service Fund. Said ad valorem taxes necessary to pay the interest on and principal of the Bonds, as such interest comes due, and such principal matures or is mandatorily redeemed in the years and in the principal amounts set forth in Section 3.03 hereof, are hereby pledged irrevocably for such purpose. While said Bonds, or any of them, are outstanding and unpaid, an ad valorem tax will be ample and sufficient to provide funds to pay the interest on said Bonds and to provide the necessary sinking fund to pay the principal when due, full allowance being made for delinquencies and costs of collection, together with revenues and receipts from other sources that are legally available for such purpose, shall be levied and collected and applied to the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, as follows:

(a) By September 1 in each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Commissioners Court shall consider the taxable property in the District and determine the actual rate per \$100 valuation of taxable property which is to be levied in that year and levy the tax against all taxable property in the District.

(b) In determining the actual rate to be levied in each year, the Commissioners Court shall consider among other things:

(i) the amount which should be levied for the payment of principal, interest, and redemption price of each series of bonds or notes payable in whole or in part from taxes;

(ii) the amount which should be levied for the purpose of paying all other contractual obligations of the District payable in whole or in part from taxes; and

(iii) the percentage of anticipated tax collections and the cost of collecting the taxes.

(c) In determining the amount of taxes which should be levied each year, the Commissioners Court shall consider whether proceeds from the sale of Bonds have been placed in escrow Debt Service Fund to pay interest on the Bonds and whether the Commissioners Court reasonably expects to have revenue or receipts available from other sources which are legally available to pay the principal of or the interest, payment expenses or redemption price on the District's debt service on the Bonds.

So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the District covenants that it will take such actions and use such measures as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances to preserve and protect the existence and priority or its rights to and liens for the collection of delinquent taxes, including, but not limited to, where deemed appropriate, suits for collection of taxes and/or foreclosure of tax liens.

In determining the amount of taxes which should be levied each year, the Commissioners Court may also consider whether proceeds from the sale of bonds of the District have been capitalized or placed in escrow to pay interest and whether the Commissioners Court reasonably expects to have revenues or receipts available from other sources which are legally available to pay the principal of or the interest, payment expenses or redemption price on the District's bonds.

So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the District covenants that it will take such actions and use such measures as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances to preserve and protect the existence and priority or its rights to and liens for the collection of delinquent taxes, including, but not limited to, where deemed appropriate, suits for collection of taxes and/or foreclosure of tax liens.

SECTION 7.03. PAYMENT OF BONDS AND PERFORMANCE OF OBLIGATIONS. The District covenants to pay promptly the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable, whether at maturity or by prior redemption, in accordance with the terms of the Bonds and this Bond Order, and to keep and perform faithfully all of its covenants, undertakings, and agreements contained in this Bond Order, or in any Bond executed, authenticated, and delivered hereunder.

ARTICLE EIGHT FLOW OF FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

SECTION 8.01. CREATION OF FUNDS. In addition to the Debt Service Fund there is hereby confirmed or created a Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 Capital Projects Fund (the "Capital Projects Fund"). The Debt Service Fund shall constitute a trust fund which shall be held in trust for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds on the books and records of the District. All other funds shall be used solely as provided in this Bond Order until all of the Bonds have been retired, both as to principal and interest.

SECTION 8.02. **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**. The District shall deposit to the credit of the Capital Projects Fund the balance of the proceeds of the Bonds remaining after the deposits to the Debt Service Fund provided in Section 9.02 of this Bond Order. The Capital Projects Fund shall be applied solely to pay (i) the costs necessary or appropriate to accomplish

such of the purposes for which the Bonds are issued as approved by the Commissioners Court, acting as the governing body of the District and (ii) the costs of issuing the Bonds. Interest earnings derived from the investment of proceeds from the sale of the Bonds deposited in the Capital Projects Fund shall be used for the purpose for which the Bonds are issued; provided that after completion of the purposes authorized at the Bond Election interest earnings may be used as permitted by law including paying the principal and/or interest on the Bonds.

SECTION 8.03 SECURITY OF FUNDS. Any cash balance in any fund, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, shall be continuously secured in the manner provided by law for the security of funds of counties of the State of Texas.

SECTION 8.04. DEBT SERVICE FUND; TAX LEVY. The District shall deposit or cause to be deposited into the Debt Service Fund the aggregate of the following at the time specified:

- (a) As soon as practicable after the Bonds are sold, accrued interest on the Bonds from their date to the date of their delivery, if any, and capitalized interest on the Bonds, if any; and
- (b) The proceeds from collection of the ad valorem taxes levied, assessed and collected for and on account of the Bonds pursuant to Section 7.02 hereof, less costs of collection, as collected.

While the Bonds or any part of the principal thereof or interest thereon remain outstanding and unpaid, the taxes levied pursuant to Section 7.02 of this Bond Order are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the interest on and principal of the Bonds and to no other purpose. On or before the date for payment of the principal and/or Interest Payment Date on the Bonds, the Commissioners Court shall cause the transfer of moneys out of the Debt Service Fund to the Registrar in an amount not less than that which is sufficient to pay the principal which matures on such date and the interest which accrues on such date. The District shall pay fees and charges of the Registrar for its services as paying agent and registrar for the Bonds from the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 8.05. INVESTMENTS; EARNINGS. Moneys deposited into the Debt Service Fund and the Capital Projects Fund and any other fund or funds which the District may lawfully create may be invested or reinvested in Authorized Investments. All investments and any profits realized from and interest accruing on investments made from any fund may be transferred to the Debt Service Fund. If any moneys are so invested, the District shall have the right to have sold in the open market a sufficient amount of such investments to meet its obligations in the event any fund does not have sufficient uninvested funds on hand to meet the obligations payable out of such fund. After such sale the moneys resulting therefrom shall belong to the fund from which the moneys for such investments were initially taken. The District shall not be responsible to the Registered Owners for any loss arising out of the sale of any investments.

SECTION 8.06. MAINTENANCE OF FUNDS. Any funds created pursuant to this Bond Order may be created as separate funds or accounts or as subaccounts of the County's General Fund held by the County's depository, and, as such, not held in separate bank accounts. Such treatment shall not constitute a commingling of the monies in such funds or of such funds and the County shall keep full and complete records indicating the monies and investments credited to each such fund.

ARTICLE NINE APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS

<u>SECTION 9.01.</u> <u>BOND PROCEEDS</u>. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be disbursed in accordance with this Article.

SECTION 9.02. ACCRUED AND CAPITALIZED INTEREST. Moneys received from the Underwriter of the Bonds representing accrued interest on the Bonds from their date to the date of their actual delivery, if any, shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund. In addition, proceeds of the Bonds representing capitalized interest, if any, shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund.

SECTION 9.03. **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**. Proceeds of the Bonds necessary to complete the purposes set forth in Section 3.01 herein and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds shall be deposited in the Somerset Hills Road District No. 3 Capital Projects Fund.

ARTICLE TEN PROVISIONS CONCERNING FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXCLUSION

SECTION 10.01. COVENANTS REGARDING TAX EXEMPTION OF INTEREST ON THE BONDS. (a) Covenants. The District covenants to take any action necessary to assure, or refrain from any action which would adversely affect, the treatment of the Bonds as obligations described in section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on which is not includable in the "gross income" of the holder for purposes of federal income taxation. In furtherance thereof, the District covenants as follows:

(1) to take any action to assure that no more than 10 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or the projects financed therewith (less amounts deposited to a reserve fund, if any) are used for any "private business use," as defined in section 141(b)(6) of the Code or, if more than 10 percent of the proceeds or the projects financed therewith are so used, such amounts, whether or not received by the District, with respect to such private business use, do not, under the terms of this Bond Order or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secure or provide for the payment of more than 10 percent of the debt service on the Bonds, in contravention of section 141(b)(2) of the Code;

(2) to take any action to assure that in the event that the "private business use" described in subsection (1) hereof exceeds 5 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or the projects financed therewith (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) then the amount in excess of 5 percent is used for a "private business use" which is "related" and

not "disproportionate," within the meaning of section 141(b)(3) of the Code, to the governmental use;

(3) to take any action to assure that no amount which is greater than the lesser of \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds (less amounts deposited into a reserve fund, if any) is directly or indirectly used to finance loans to persons, other than state or local governmental units, in contravention of section 141(c) of the Code;

(4) to refrain from taking any action which would otherwise result in the Bonds being treated as "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141(b) of the Code;

(5) to refrain from taking any action that would result in the Bonds being "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of section 149(b) of the Code;

(6) to refrain from using any portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, directly or indirectly, to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire investment property (as defined in section 148(b)(2) of the Code) which produces a materially higher yield over the term of the Bonds, other than investment property acquired with --

(A) proceeds of the Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of 3 years or less or, in the case of a refunding bond, for a period of 90 days or less until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the bonds are issued,

(B) amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of section 1.148-1(b) of the Treasury Regulations, and

(C) amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed 10 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds;

(7) to otherwise restrict the use of the proceeds of the Bonds or amounts treated as proceeds of the Bonds, as may be necessary, so that the Bonds do not otherwise contravene the requirements of section 148 of the Code (relating to arbitrage);

(8) to refrain from using the proceeds of the Bonds or proceeds of any prior bonds to pay debt service on another issue more than 90 days after the date of issue of the Bonds in contravention of the requirements of section 149(d) of the Code (relating to advance refundings); and

(9) to pay to the United States of America at least once during each five-year period (beginning on the date of delivery of the Bonds) an amount that is at least equal to 90 percent of the "Excess Earnings," within the meaning of section 148(f) of the Code and to pay to the United States of America, not later than 60 days after the Bonds have

been paid in full, 100 percent of the amount then required to be paid as a result of Excess Earnings under section 148(f) of the Code.

(b) <u>Rebate Fund</u>. In order to facilitate compliance with the above covenant (9), a "Rebate Fund" is hereby established by the District for the sole benefit of the United States of America, and such fund shall not be subject to the claim of any other person, including without limitation the bondholders. The Rebate Fund is established for the additional purpose of compliance with section 148 of the Code.

Proceeds. The District understands that the term "proceeds" includes "disposition (c) proceeds" as defined in the Treasury Regulations and, in the case of refunding bonds, transferred proceeds (if any) and proceeds of the refunded bonds expended prior to the date of issuance of the Bonds. It is the understanding of the District that the covenants contained herein are intended to assure compliance with the Code and any regulations or rulings promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant thereto. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which modify or expand provisions of the Code, as applicable to the Bonds, the District will not be required to comply with any covenant contained herein to the extent that such failure to comply, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, will not adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In the event that regulations or rulings are hereafter promulgated which impose additional requirements which are applicable to the Bonds, the District agrees to comply with the additional requirements to the extent necessary, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, to preserve the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds under section 103 of the Code. In furtherance of such intention, the District hereby authorizes and directs the President to execute any documents, certificates or reports required by the Code and to make such elections, on behalf of the District, which may be permitted by the Code as are consistent with the purpose for the issuance of the Bonds.

Allocation Of, and Limitation On, Expenditures for the Project. The District (d) covenants to account for the expenditure of sale proceeds and investment earnings to be used for the purposes described in Section 1 of this Bond Order (the "Project") on its books and records in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The District recognizes that in order for the proceeds to be considered used for the reimbursement of costs, the proceeds must be allocated to expenditures within 18 months of the later of the date that (1) the expenditure is made, or (2) the Project is completed; but in no event later than three years after the date on which the original expenditure is paid. The foregoing notwithstanding, the District recognizes that in order for proceeds to be expended under the Internal Revenue Code, the sale proceeds or investment earnings must be expended no more than 60 days after the earlier of (1) the fifth anniversary of the delivery of the Bonds, or (2) the date the Bonds are retired. The District agrees to obtain the advice of nationally-recognized bond counsel if such expenditure fails to comply with the foregoing to assure that such expenditure will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purposes hereof, the District shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

(e) <u>Disposition of Project</u>. The District covenants that the property constituting the Project will not be sold or otherwise disposed in a transaction resulting in the receipt by the District of cash or other compensation, unless any action taken in connection with such disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purpose of the foregoing, the District may rely on an opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel that the action taken in connection with such sale or other disposition will not adversely affect the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. For purposes of the foregoing, the portion of the property comprising personal property and disposed in the ordinary course shall not be treated as a transaction resulting in the receipt of cash or other compensation. For purposes hereof, the District shall not be obligated to comply with this covenant if it obtains an opinion that such failure to comply will not adversely affect the excludability for federal income tax purposes from gross income of the interest.

(f) <u>Reimbursement</u>. This Bond Order is intended to satisfy the official intent requirements set forth in section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

(g) <u>Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Bonds</u>. The District hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" as defined in section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In furtherance of such designation, the District represents, covenants and warrants the following: (a) that during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued, the District (including any subordinate entities) has not designated nor will designate bonds, which when aggregated with the Bonds, will result in more than \$10,000,000 of "qualified tax-exempt bonds" being issued; (b) that the District reasonably anticipates that the amount of tax-exempt obligations issued, during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued, by the District (or any subordinate entities) will not exceed \$10,000,000; and, (c) that the District will take such action or refrain from such action as necessary, and as more particularly set forth in this Section, in order that the Bonds will not be considered "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141 of the Code.

ARTICLE ELEVEN ADDITIONAL BONDS AND REFUNDING BONDS

SECTION 11.01. ADDITIONAL BONDS. The District expressly reserves the right to issue, in one or more installments, for the purpose of constructing, reimbursing for the costs of constructing, acquiring by purchase, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes and related bridges, drainage work and other similar facilities, or for any other lawful purpose:

- (a) the unissued unlimited tax road bonds which were authorized pursuant to the Bond Election; and
- (b) such other unlimited tax road bonds as may hereafter be authorized at subsequent elections.

SECTION 11.02. REFUNDING BONDS. The District further reserves the right to issue refunding bonds in any manner permitted by law to refund the Bonds, and any Outstanding Bonds, any Additional Bonds, or any other obligations issued by the District, at or prior to their respective dates of maturity or redemption.

ARTICLE TWELVE DEFAULT PROVISIONS

SECTION 12.01. REMEDIES IN EVENT OF DEFAULT. In addition to any other rights and remedies provided by the laws of the State of Texas, the District covenants and agrees that in the event of default in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Bonds when due, or, in the event it fails to make the payments required to be made into the Debt Service Fund, or defaults in the observance or performance of any other of the covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in this Bond Order, the Registered Owners shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus issued by a court of competent jurisdiction compelling and requiring the District and the officials thereof to observe and perform the covenants, obligations, or conditions prescribed in this Bond Order. Any delay or omission to exercise any right or power or be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

SECTION 12.02. BOND ORDER IS CONTRACT. In consideration of the purchase and acceptance of the Bonds authorized to be issued hereunder by the Registered Owners, the provisions of this Bond Order shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the District and the Registered Owners; and the covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed on behalf of the District shall be for the equal benefit, protection, and security of each of the Registered Owners. The Bonds, regardless of the time or times of their issue or maturity, shall be of equal rank without preference, priority, or distinction of any Bond over any other, except as expressly provided herein.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN DISCHARGE BY DEPOSIT

SECTION 13.01. DEFEASANCE OF BONDS. (a) Any Bond and the interest thereon shall be deemed to be paid, retired and no longer outstanding (a "Defeased Bond") within the meaning of this Bond Order, except to the extent provided in subsections (c) and (e) of this Section, when payment of the principal of such Bond, plus interest thereon to the due date or dates (whether such due date or dates be by reason of maturity, upon redemption, or otherwise) either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof (including the giving of any required notice of redemption) or (ii) shall have been provided for on or before such due date by irrevocably depositing with or making available to the Paying Agent/Registrar for such payment (1) lawful money of the United States of America sufficient to make such payment, (2) Defeasance Securities, certified by an independent public accounting firm of national reputation to mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will ensure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to provide for such payment and when proper arrangements have been made by the District with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of its services until all Defeased Bonds shall have become due

and payable or (3) any combination of (1) and (2). At such time as a Bond shall be deemed to be a Defeased Bond hereunder, as aforesaid, such Bond and the interest thereon shall no longer be secured by, payable from, or entitled to the benefits of, the ad valorem taxes herein levied as provided in this Bond Order, and such principal and interest shall be payable solely from such money or Defeasance Securities.

(b) The deposit under clause (ii) of subsection (a) shall be deemed a payment of a Bond as aforesaid when proper notice of redemption of such Bonds shall have been given, in accordance with this Bond Order. Any money so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar as provided in this Section may at the discretion of the Commissioners Court also be invested in Defeasance Securities, maturing in the amounts and at the times as hereinbefore set forth, and all income from all Defeasance Securities in possession of the Paying Agent/Registrar pursuant to this Section which is not required for the payment of such Bond and premium, if any, and interest thereon with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be turned over to the Commissioners Court.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of any other Section of this Bond Order which may be contrary to the provisions of this Section, all money or Defeasance Securities set aside and held in trust pursuant to the provisions of this Section for the payment of principal of the Bonds and premium, if any, and interest thereon, shall be applied to and used solely for the payment of the particular Bonds and premium, if any, and interest thereon, with respect to which such money or Defeasance Securities have been so set aside in trust. Until all Defeased Bonds shall have become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall perform the services of Paying Agent/Registrar for such Defeased Bonds the same as if they had not been defeased, and the District shall make proper arrangements to provide and pay for such services as required by this Bond Order.

(d) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere in this Bond Order, if money or Defeasance Securities have been deposited or set aside with the Paying Agent/Registrar pursuant to this Section for the payment of Bonds and such Bonds shall not have in fact been actually paid in full, no amendment of the provisions of this Section shall be made without the consent of the registered owner of each Bond affected thereby.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) immediately above, to the extent that, upon the defeasance of any Defeased Bond to be paid at its maturity, the District retains the right under Texas law to later call that Defeased Bond for redemption in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Order authorizing its issuance, the District may call such Defeased Bond for redemption upon complying with the provisions of Texas law and upon the satisfaction of the provisions of subsection (a) immediately above with respect to such Defeased Bond as though it was being defeased at the time of the exercise of the option to redeem the Defeased Bond and the effect of the redemption is taken into account in determining the sufficiency of the provisions made for the payment of the Defeased Bond.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 14.01. DISTRICT'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. Whenever in this Bond Order the District is named and referred to, it shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns, and all covenants and agreements in this Bond Order by or on behalf of the District, except as otherwise provided herein, shall bind and inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns whether or not so expressed.

SECTION 14.02. NO RECOURSE AGAINST COUNTY OR DISTRICT OFFICERS. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on this Bond Order against any officer or director of the County or the District or any person executing the Bonds.

SECTION 14.03. REGISTRAR. The Registrar shall act as agent for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds and shall maintain the Register for the Bonds, all in accordance with the terms of this Bond Order. If the Registrar or its successor becomes unable for any reason to act as Registrar hereunder, or if the Commissioners Court determines that a successor Registrar should be appointed, a successor Registrar shall be selected by the District. Any successor Registrar shall be either a bank, trust company, financial institution, or other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to serve and perform the duties as paying agent and registrar for the Bonds.

SECTION 14.04. REGISTRAR MAY OWN BONDS. The Registrar, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of the Bonds with the same rights it would have if it were not Registrar.

SECTION 14.05. BENEFITS OF PROVISIONS. Nothing in this Bond Order or in the Bonds, expressed or implied, shall give or be construed to give any person, firm, or corporation, other than the District, the Registrar, and the Registered Owners, any legal or equitable right or claim under or in respect of this Bond Order, or under any covenant, condition, or provision herein contained, all the covenants, conditions, and provisions contained in this Bond Order or in the Bonds being for the sole benefit of the District, the Registrar, and the Registered Owners.

SECTION 14.06. UNAVAILABILITY OF AUTHORIZED PUBLICATION. If, because of the temporary or permanent suspension of any newspaper, journal, or other publication, or for any reason, publication of notice cannot be made meeting any requirements herein established, any notice required to be published by the provisions of this Bond Order shall be given in such other manner and at such time or times as in the judgment of the District shall most effectively approximate such required publication, and the giving of such notice in such manner shall for all purposes of this Bond Order be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements for publication thereof.

SECTION 14.07. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or other part of this Bond Order, or the application thereof to any

person or circumstance, shall ever be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Bond Order and the application of such word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or other part of this Bond Order to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 14.08. ACCOUNTING. The District will keep proper records and accounts regarding the levy and collection of taxes, which records and accounts will be made available to any Registered Owner on reasonable request. Each year while any of the Bonds are outstanding, the District shall have an audit of its books and accounts by a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants, based on its Fiscal Year, and copies of such audits will be made available to any Registered Owner upon request.

<u>SECTION 14.09</u>. <u>FURTHER PROCEEDINGS</u>. The County Judge and other appropriate officials of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and/or convenient to carry out the terms of this Bond Order.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS AND APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS

SECTION 15.01. SALE OF BONDS AND APPROVAL OF BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT. The Bonds are hereby sold and shall be delivered to The GMS Group, LLC, as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Underwriter"), at the price of \$_____ (which amount is equal to the principal amount of the Bonds less an underwriting discount of \$_____) all pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Bond Purchase Agreement in substantially the form presented to the District which the County Judge or County Auditor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver. Pursuant to Section 1201.002(a)(3) of the Texas Government Code, it is hereby officially found, determined and declared that the terms of the sale are the most advantageous, reasonably obtainable and in the best interest of the District. The District will initially deliver to the Underwriter one bond for each maturity of the Bonds authorized under this Bond Order. The Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co.

SECTION 15.02. APPROVAL, REGISTRATION, AND DELIVERY. The County Judge and representatives of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. are hereby authorized and directed to submit the Initial Bond and a transcript of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds to the Attorney General of the State of Texas for approval and, following said approval, to submit the Initial Bond to the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas for registration. Upon registration of the Initial Bond, the Comptroller of Public Accounts (or a deputy designated in writing to act for the Comptroller) shall manually sign the Comptroller's registration certificate prescribed herein to be printed and endorsed on the Initial Bond, and the seal of the Comptroller shall be impressed or placed in facsimile on each Initial Bond. After the Initial Bond has been registered, signed, and sealed by the Comptroller, it shall be delivered to the Underwriter, but only upon receipt of the full purchase price.

SECTION 15.03 APPROVAL OF OFFERING DOCUMENTS AND PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT. A "Preliminary Official Statement" dated August 2, 2023, and "Official Statement" dated August 15, 2023 were prepared and distributed in connection with the sale of the Bonds (said documents are hereinafter referred to as the "Offering Documents"). Said Offering Documents, and any addenda, supplement, or amendment thereto, are hereby approved by the District, and their use in the offer and sale of the Bonds is hereby approved.

The Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement by and between the District and BOKF, NA ("Paying Agent Agreement") in substantially the form and substance in substantially the form presented to the District is hereby approved and the County Judge or County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to complete, amend, modify and execute the Paying Agent Agreement, as necessary.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN OPEN MEETING AND EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 16.01. OPEN MEETING. The Commissioners Court officially finds, determines, and declares that this Bond Order was reviewed, carefully considered, and adopted at a meeting of the District, and that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Bond Order and the subject matter hereof has been discussed, considered, and acted upon. The Commissioners Court further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

SECTION 16.02. EFFECTIVE DATE OF BOND ORDER. This Bond Order shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon and after its passage.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN AMENDMENTS

SECTION 17.01. AMENDMENTS. (a) Amendment with Consent of Owners of 51% of Bonds. The owners of 51% in aggregate principal amount of then outstanding Bonds shall have the right from time to time to approve any amendment to this Bond Order which may be deemed necessary or desirable by the District; provided however, that, other than as permitted by subsection (f) of this Section 17.01, nothing herein contained shall permit or be construed to permit the amendment, without the consent of the owner of each of the outstanding Bonds affected thereby, of the terms and conditions of this Bond Order or the Bonds so as to:

(1) change debt service requirements, interest payment dates or the maturity or maturities of the outstanding Bonds;

(2) reduce the rate of interest borne by any of the outstanding Bonds;

(3) reduce the amount of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, or interest on the outstanding Bonds or impose any conditions with respect to such payments;

(4) modify the terms of payment of principal of, redemption premium, if any, or interest on the outstanding Bonds, or impose any conditions with respect to such payments;

(5) affect the right of the Registered Owners of less than all of the Bonds then outstanding; or

(6) decrease the minimum percentage of the principal amount of Bonds necessary for consent to any such amendment.

(b) Notice of Amendment. If at any time the District shall desire to amend this Bond Order it may cause a written notice of the proposed amendment to be published at least once on a business day in a financial newspaper, journal, or publication of general circulation in the City of New York, New York, or in the State of Texas. If, because of temporary or permanent suspension of the publication or general circulation of all such newspapers, journals, or publications, it is impossible or impractical to publish such notice in the manner provided herein, then such publication in lieu thereof as shall be made by the Registrar shall constitute a sufficient publication of notice. In addition to such publication, the Registrar shall cause a written notice of the proposed amendment to be given by registered or certified mail to Registered Owners of the Bonds as shown on the Register maintained by the Registrar; provided, however, that failure to receive such written notice of the proposed amendment, or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, shall not affect the validity of any proceeding in connection with, or the adoption of, such amendment. Such notice shall briefly set forth the nature of the proposed amendment and shall state that a copy thereof is on file at the principal office of the Registrar for inspection by all Registered Owners of Bonds.

(c) <u>Consent to Amendment</u>. Whenever at any time not less than 30 days, and within one year, from the date of the first publication of said notice or other services of written notice the District shall receive an instrument or instruments executed by the Registered Owners of at least 51% in aggregate principal amount of all Bonds then outstanding, which instrument or instruments shall refer to the proposed amendment described in said notice and shall specifically consent to and approve such amendment, the District may adopt the amendatory resolution or order in substantially the same form.

(d) <u>Effect of Amendment</u>. Upon the adoption of any amendatory resolution or order pursuant to the provisions of this Section, this Bond Order shall be deemed to be amended in accordance with such amendatory resolution or order, and the respective rights, duties, and obligations under such amendatory resolution or order of all the Registered Owners shall thereafter be determined and exercised subject in all respects to such amendments.

(e) <u>Consent of Registered Owners</u>. Any consent given by the Registered Owners pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be irrevocable for a period of six months from the date of the first publication of the notice provided for in this Section and shall be conclusive and binding upon all future owners of the Bonds during such period. Such consent may be revoked by the Registered Owner who gave such consent at any time after six months from the date of the first giving of such notice, or by a successor in title, by filing notice thereof with the Registrar and the District, but such revocation shall not be effective if the Registered Owner of 51% in

aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Bonds have, prior to the attempted revocation, consented to and approved the amendment.

(f) <u>Amendments Without Consent</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) through (f) of this Section, and without notice of the proposed amendment and without the consent of the Registered Owners. The District may, at any time, amend this Bond Order to cure any ambiguity or to cure, correct, or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision contained therein, or to make any other change that does not in any respect materially and adversely affect the interest of the Registered Owners, provided that no such amendment shall be made contrary to the provision to Section 17.01 (a), and a duly certified or executed copy of each such amendment shall be filed with the Registrar.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

Section 18.01. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING. (a) Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to such terms below:

"Financial Obligation" means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial Obligation" shall not include municipal securities (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule.

"MSRB" means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Rule" means SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) <u>Annual Reports</u>. The District shall provide annually to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, within six months after the end of each fiscal year, financial information and operating data with respect to the District which is customarily prepared by the District and is publicly available such as audited financial statements of the general type included in the final Official Statement authorized by Section 15.03 of this Bond Order. Any financial statements so to be provided shall be (1) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in <u>Exhibit "C"</u> hereto, or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation and (2) audited, if the Commissioners Court, acting as the governing body of the District, commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within twelve months after any such fiscal year end, then the District shall file unaudited financial statements within such twelve-month period, and will file audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB, when and if the audit report on such statements become available.

If the District changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) prior to the next date by which the District otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data pursuant to this section.

The financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to this section may be set forth in full one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document, if it is available from the MSRB) that theretofore has been provided to the public on the MSRB's internet web site or filed with the SEC. All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

(c) <u>Event Notices</u>. The District shall notify the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- 1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- 2. Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- 3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- 4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- 5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- 6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701–TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, or other events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds;
- 7. Modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- 8. Bond calls, if material and tender offers;
- 9. Defeasances;
- 10. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- 11. Rating changes;
- 12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District;
- 13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive

agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

- 14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- 15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- 16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The District shall notify the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the District to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section by the time required by such subsection. All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in the immediately preceding paragraph (12) is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar office for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and official or officers of the District in possession but subject to the supervision and order of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District intends the words used in the immediately preceding paragraphs (15) and (16) and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section to have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as ascribed by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

(d) <u>Limitations</u>, <u>Disclaimers and Amendments</u>. The District shall be obligated to observe and perform the covenants specified in this section for so long as, but only for so long as, the District remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, except that the District in any event will give notice of any deposit made in accordance with Section 13.01 of this Bond Order that causes Bonds no longer to be outstanding.

The provisions of this section are for the sole benefit of the Holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds, and nothing in this section, express or implied, shall give any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim hereunder to any other person. The District undertakes to provide only the financial information, operating data, financial statements and notices which it has expressly agreed to provide pursuant to this section and does not hereby undertake to provide any other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of the District's financial results, condition or prospects or hereby undertake to update any information provided in accordance with this section or otherwise, except as expressly provided herein. The District does not make any representation or warranty concerning such information or its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE DISTRICT BE LIABLE TO THE HOLDER OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY BOND OR ANY OTHER PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR DAMAGES RESULTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY BREACH BY THE DISTRICT, WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR WITHOUT FAULT ON ITS PART, OF ANY COVENANT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, BUT EVERY RIGHT AND REMEDY OF ANY SUCH PERSON, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH BREACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO AN ACTION FOR MANDAMUS OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

No default by the District in observing or performing its obligations under this section shall comprise a breach of or default under the Bond Order for purposes of any other provision of this Bond Order.

Should the Rule be amended to obligate the District to make filings with or provide notices to entities other than the MSRB, the District hereby agrees to undertake such obligation with respect to the Bonds in accordance with the Rule as amended.

Nothing in this section is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive or otherwise limit the duties of the District under federal and state securities laws.

The provisions of this section may be amended by the District from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law or a change in the identity, nature, status or type of operations of the District, but only if (1) the provisions of this section, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule since such offering as well as such changed circumstances and (2) either (a) the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provision of this Order that authorizes such an amendment) of the Outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determined that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the Holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. If the District so amends the provisions of this section, it shall include with any amended financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section an explanation, in narrative form, of the reason for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information or operating data so provided. The District may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not

prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds.

(e) <u>Format, Identifying Information, and Incorporation by Reference</u>. All financial information, operating data, financial statements, and notices required by this Section to be provided to the MSRB shall be provided in an electronic format and be accompanied by identifying information prescribed by the MSRB.

Financial information and operating data to be provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC.

ARTICLE NINETEEN OTHER ACTIONS

SECTION 19.01. OTHER ACTIONS. The County Judge and all other officers, employees and agents of the District, and each of them, shall be and they are hereby expressly authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and under the corporate seal and on behalf of the District all instruments as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms and provisions of this Bond Order, the Bonds, the sale of the Bonds and the Official Statement.

SECTION 19.02. PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FEE. The District hereby authorizes the disbursement of a fee equal to the lesser of (i) one-tenth of one percent of the principal amount of the Bonds or (ii) \$9,500, provided that such fee shall not be less than \$750, to the Attorney General of Texas Public Finance Division for payment of the examination fee charged by the State of Texas for the Attorney General's review and approval of public securities and credit agreements, as required by Section 1202.004 of the Texas Government Code. The appropriate member of the County's staff is hereby instructed to take the necessary measures to make this payment. The District is also authorized to reimburse the appropriate District or other funds for such payment from proceeds of the Bonds.

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EXHIBIT "A"

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Information of the general type included in the Official Statement under the headings "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Pro-Forma Debt Service Requirements" and "TAX DATA."

The District will also provide audited financial statements of the District if audited financial statements have been commissioned by the Commissioners Court and the audited financial statements are then available.

Accounting Principles

The accounting and reporting policies of the District relating to the funds and account groups will conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental entities.