

## 155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

TO: Town Council

FROM: Richard Gallant, Public Works Director

**THRU:** Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution No. 2025-26 Authorizing the Town Manager, and

**Town Attorney to finalize negotiations with Indian Trails Improvement** 

District for a Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Response

## **Background:**

The Indian Trails Improvement District (ITID) agreed at their June 5, 2024 regular meeting they would add comments to the mutual aid agreement presented by their Executive Director in August of 2023 by the Town. After negotiations between the Town and ITID and review by the Town attorney, a final draft has been sent to ITID for their staff and legal department to conduct a final review. With this mutual aid agreement in place, ITID and the Town will provide such assistance as needed during and after storm events and other declared local and state emergencies to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Clearing debris from roads and canals for safe travel and flow of water;
- Assisting with damage assessment;
- Repairing washouts;
- Repairing and replacing culverts;
- Responding to calls from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and other agencies.

Initially an agreement was entered into by the Town Manager and ITID's Executive Director on an emergency basis in 2022. This agenda item seeks approve the presented mutual aid agreement and to provide the ability of the Town Manager, and Town Attorney to complete the process to adopt this mutually beneficial agreement between ITID and the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.

**Recommendations**: Motion to approve *Resolution No. 2025-26* approving the presented Mutual Aid Agreement as modified and authorize the Town Manager, and Town Attorney to complete negotiations for this Mutual Aid Agreement with Indian Trails Improvement District and the Town for Emergency Response in declared events.