

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470



AGENDA MEMO

Agenda Item #7

TO: Board of Supervisors Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District

FROM: Elizabeth Lenihan, Town Attorney

VIA: Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: July 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2022-DD04 Agreement for Legal Services

Background:

On February 7, 2022, the Town was served the Summons and Complaint in the matter John Pata, et. al v. Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Case No. 502021CA011838XXXMB. The Town's insurance took up the defense and assigned the firm of Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A. ("Firm") to represent the Town's interest in the lawsuit. Since that time, the Plaintiffs have amended the Complaint such that the Town's insurance no longer covers the claim against the Town and to name the District as a Defendant. Legal services are needed to defend the District in this lawsuit. As the Firm has been representing the Town in this lawsuit since February, it has the most knowledge of the facts of the case and is in the best position to represent the District throughout the lawsuit.

Recommendations:

Move that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2022-DD__, authorizing the entry by the District into an agreement with Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & Hochman, P.A. for legal services regarding the defense of the case of John Pata, et. al v. Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Case No. 502021CA011838XXXMB.