



155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Richard Gallant, Public Works Director

THRU: Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: August 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of *Resolution No. 2024-59* Authorizing the Town Manager, Public Works Director, and Town Attorney to negotiate with staff at the Indian Trails Improvement District for an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Response mutually between agencies

Background:

The Indian Trails Improvement District (ITID) agreed at their June 5, 2024 regular meeting they would add comments to the interlocal agreement presented to their Executive Director in August of 2023 by the Town. Staff watched their meeting and made the modification to the interlocal agreement based on those comments. Furthermore, the town needs to negotiate further with ITID to finalize the interlocal agreement to mutually provide response to assist each other on an emergency basis in a declared disaster. Due to, location, resources such as heavy equipment, skilled and experience staffing with extensive knowledge of drainage facilities and ability to perform emergency repair and replacement as needed both agencies would be able to assist each other in the event of a declared emergency event. 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.

Initially an agreement was entered into by the Town Manager and ITID's Executive Director on an emergency basis prior to the recent storms. This agenda item seeks approve the presented interlocal agreement and to provide the ability of the Town Manager, Public Works Director, and Town Attorney to complete the negotiation for a mutually beneficial agreement between ITID and the Town of Loxahatchee Groves.

Recommendations: Motion to approve *Resolution No. 2024-59* approving the presented interlocal agreement as modified and authorize the Town Manager, Public Works Director, and Town Attorney to negotiate and mutually beneficial Interlocal Agreement with Indian Trails Improvement District and the Town for Emergency Response in declared events.