

**POLK REGIONAL WATER COOPERATIVE**

**Resolution 2024-19**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING COOPERATIVE PARCEL OF NECESSITY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16  
TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN SPECIFIED PARCELS  
TO IMPLEMENT  
THE SOUTHEAST LOWER FLORIDAN AQUIFER WATER PRODUCTION FACILITY AND  
SOUTHEAST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECTS**

The Polk Regional Water Cooperative (“Cooperative”), created pursuant to Section 373.713, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, in lawful session and in regular order of business properly presented, finds that:

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative as an independent special district created pursuant to Chapter 189, Section 373.713, Florida Statutes and an Interlocal Agreement entered into on June 1, 2016 pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes by Polk County and 15 municipalities within Polk County (the “Interlocal Agreement”) for the purpose of developing AWS projects to meet the future potable water needs of the citizens of Polk County; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2021, the Cooperative and 15 of its member governments entered into the Implementation Agreement for the Southeast Wellfield, which obligates the Cooperative to construct and operate the Southeast Wellfield Project to supply the participating member governments 15.15 million gallons a day of potable water by 2045 (the “Implementation Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Wellfield Project consists of the Southeast Lower Floridan Aquifer Water Production Facility (“SELFA WPF”) and the Southeast Transmission Main (“SETM”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative is in the process of constructing the first phase of the SELFA WPF, which consists of a 5 raw water wells, approximately 10 miles of raw water transmission line and a water treatment plant capable of producing 7.5 million gallons a day of high quality potable water and the SETM, which consists of approximately 61 miles of water transmission pipeline to deliver the finished water from the water treatment plant to the project participants for use in their water service areas; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Cooperative Resolution 2023-06 the Cooperative Board designated the SELFA WPF and SETM Projects as approved projects pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and the Implementation Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Cooperative Resolution 2023-06 the Cooperative Board approved the construction of the SEFLA WPF raw water transmission line as depicted in said resolution and the SETM finished water pipeline as depicted in said resolution as necessary, practical and in the best interest of the Cooperative and its member governments and that the acquisition of such

property and property rights are needed for such construction is necessary for the performance of its duties and for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of said facilities for the use of the general public; and that the Cooperative is authorized to make such acquisition by gift, purchase or condemnation.

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative has been granted the power of eminent domain pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Section 163.01(7)(f), Florida Statutes for the condemnation of private property interest for public use, and to acquire any interest in such real property as is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the Interlocal Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, before exercising the power of eminent domain the Cooperative Board of Directors is required to adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of property for any purpose set forth in the Interlocal Agreement for the Cooperative's purpose or use subject to limitations set forth in Sections 73.013 and 73.014, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative has bifurcated its eminent domain resolution into two separate resolutions; the Project Resolution, authorizing acquisition of property and property rights for the SELFA WPF raw water transmission line and SETM finished water pipeline projects, and the Parcel Resolution, authorizing the parcel acquisition and identifying the specific property and property rights to be acquired for the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about July 26, 2023 the Cooperative Board of Directors Resolution No. 2023-16 authorizing the acquisition a non-exclusive permanent easement and a non-exclusive temporary construction easement for the construction of the Southeast Wellfield on certain lands located in Polk County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative has determined the need to amend Resolution No. 2023-16 to remove the following Parcels (3059-TCE) and (3066-TCE).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

Section 1. The forgoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section 2. That after consideration of the factors described in the foregoing recitals, Cooperative Resolution No. 2023-16 is amended to remove Parcels (3059-TCE) and (3066-TCE).

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 4. That if any phrase, portion or part of this Resolution is found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such phrase, portion or part shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution.

DONE at Auburndale, Florida this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

Southeast Wellfield Project Board of the Polk Regional Water Cooperative:

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Chair

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Secretary/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:

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