# ACTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HORSE FARMS FOREVER, INC.

### (SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION)

A special executive meeting of the Board of Directors of **HORSE FARMS FOREVER**, **INC.**, a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Corporation"), was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

The following Directors were present via video conference for the special executive session, constituting a quorum for the meeting:

Bernard Little
Paul Kaplan
Thomas Grabe
Nicholas de Meric
Linda Bammann
Elma Garcia-Cannavino
Chester Weber
George Isaacs

Robert Desino recused himself from participating in this special executive session.

WHEREAS, the participating Directors reviewed and discussed the information and supporting documents provided by Icard Merrill in connection with Pinecrest Plantation Development Project (the "Pinecrest Project"); and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Directors desire to take this action of the Board of Directors as permitted by Florida Statutes.

RESOLVED, that on a motion by Chester Weber, and seconded by Paul Kaplan the participating Directors unanimously voted to take a neutral position on the Pinecrest Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this action has been taken by the undersigned Directors of the Corporation effective the  $17^{\rm th}$  day of May, 2022.

DIRECTORS:
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Bernard Little
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PAUL KAPLAN
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Thomas Grabe
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Nick de Meric
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ELMA GARCIA-CANNAVINO
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CHESTER C. WEBER
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George Isaacs
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# STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

I, Robert Desino, hereby provide written notice of my recusal to the Board of Directors of Horse Farms Forever, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation ("Horse Farms Forever"), from all deliberations, votes, actions, and involvement as a director and officer of Horse Farms Forever relating to the proposed development and application for agricultural lot split of the Pinecrest Plantation property situated in Marion County, Florida (the "Pinecrest Plantation Project").

I am recusing myself from any participation or involvement as an officer and director of Horse Farms Forever in matters relating to the Pinecrest Planation Project and will not attempt to influence any action of Horse Farms Forever relating to the Pinecrest Planation Project.

My decision to recuse is made to avoid any potential conflict of interest or appearance of thereof in relation the Pinecrest Plantation Project.

Dated: 4/20/22

ROBERT DESINO



# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HORSE FARMS FOREVER, INC.

BERNIE LITTLE, PRESIDENT

FROM: ICARD MERRILL

G. MATTHEW BROCKWAY

DATE: MAY 2, 2022

SUBJECT: PINECREST PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

**WAIVER REQUESTS** 

#### Introduction and Overview

One of the founding members of Horse Farms Forever, Inc., Rob Desino, along with his brother, Chris Desino, is undertaking a residential development within the Farmland Preservation Area, currently known and referred to as "Pinecrest Plantation" by way of an agricultural lot split (collectively, the "Project"). For convenience of reference, a graphic depicting the Project is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Three waivers from certain requirements of the Marion County Land Development Code (the "LDC") were requested for the Project. These waivers were heard and approved by the Marion County Planning & Zoning Commission on or about April 18, 2022. Each of the waivers is discussed separately below.

#### Number of Lots for Agricultural Lot Split

Section 2.16.1.B.(8)(a) of the LDC limits the number of lots created by way of an agricultural lot split to 10 lots. The Project includes 18 lots, and as a result, a waiver is required. However, the Project includes three separate parcels, PID Nos. 12620-000-00 (~159.9 acres), 12631-000-00 (~49.45 acres), and 12578-000-01 (~19.57 acres), totaling 228.92 acres, more or less. In aggregate, these three parcels are of sufficient size to create 22 lots that would meet the 10-acre minimum lot size requirement of Section 2.16.1.B.(8)(b) of the LDC. As shown in Exhibit "A", Each of the Project's 18 lots exceeds the 10-acre minimum lot size requirement, which is also consistent with the Marion County Comprehensive Plan.

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## Easement Length

Section 2.16.1.B.(8)(f)(1) of the LDC prescribes a maximum length of 2,640 feet for easements providing access to lots created by way of an agricultural lot split. Access to the Project's lots will be by way of an access easement greater than this maximum length, and therefore, a waiver is required. According to the waiver request, a paved roadway will be provided within the access easement, along with multiple turnarounds at a maximum spacing of 1,500 feet and at any terminus of the access easement. The locations of the turnarounds is generally depicted in Exhibit "A".

#### Homeowner Association

Lastly, Section 2.16.1.B.(8)(g) of the LDC requires that a County MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) be established for the maintenance of improvements created by way of an agricultural lot split. In lieu of a MSBU, a homeowner association is proposed to be created to maintain the roadway, stormwater, common area, and other improvements. The homeowner association will have the power to levy assessments on the lots to fund the Project's ongoing operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement obligations.

# <u>Summary</u>

Based on my review of the LDC, other nearby residential developments within the Farmland Preservation Area, and conversations with Bernie Little, none of these waiver requests are controversial or out of the ordinary. In fact, my understanding is that waiver requests of this nature are quite routine for agricultural lot splits, and the resulting Project appears to be consistent and compatible with the surrounding land uses and their character.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") should review the Project and determine whether it is consistent with the mission and purpose of Horse Farms Forever, Inc., and whether the Project is consistent with and enhances the rural, equestrian, and farmland character of the Farmland Preservation Area. The Board may choose to take a position either in support of or in opposition to the Project. Or, the Board may decline to take any position at all. Rob Desino should recuse himself from any and all discussions, debates, and decisions relating to the Project, with the exception of providing any factual information or clarification.

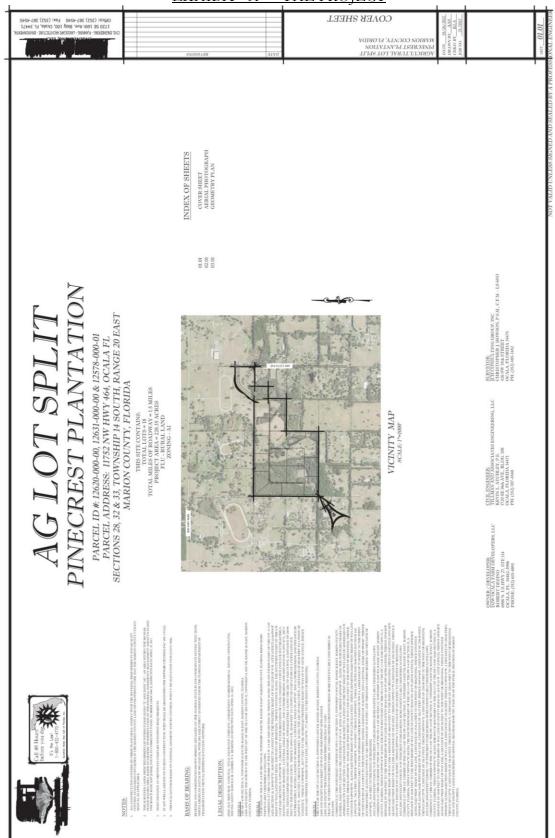
I am available to answer questions or discuss in further detail at anyone's convenience.

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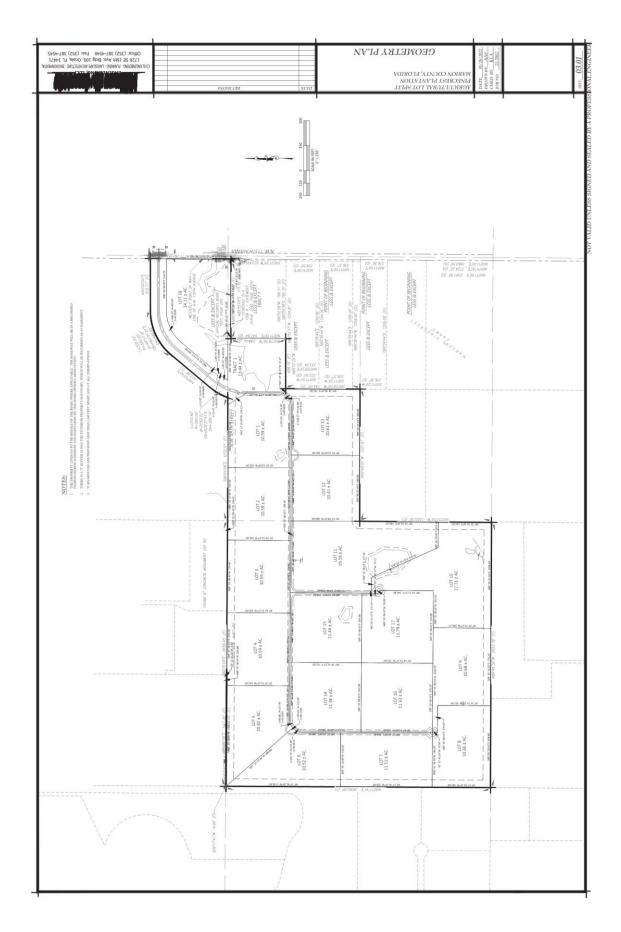
EXHIBIT "A" – THE PROJECT



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