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Page 3 Thereupon, the following proceeding began at 10:00 a.m.: 1 2 MS. FORRESTER: Good morning. For those on 3 the phone, we're just getting started. We wanted to make sure that you knew that you were in the 4 right place for the Classified Use of Property 5 6 Guideline Workshop. 7 Good morning, my name is Janice Forrester. 8 I'm the Revenue Program Administrator for Property Tax Oversight. I'll be the moderator for today's 9 10 workshop. My role as moderator is to preside in a 11 neutral fashion. 12 Staff from the Department are here today to 13 receive comments on the proposed amendments. At this time, I would like staff to introduce 14 15 themselves. 16 MR. LANE: Donald Lane, Senior Appraiser. 17 MR. SPICER: Andrew Spicer, Appraiser 18 Specialist. 19 MR. LOCKE: Tyler Locke, Senior Appraiser. 20 MR. BISHOP: Mark Bishop, Classified Used 21 Supervisor. 22 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Rachel Goldstein, Chief Legal 23 Counsel. 24 Mark Hamilton, General Counsel. MR. HAMILTON: 25 MR. ROSA: Christopher Rosa, Senior Attorney.

Page 4 1 MR. PARAMORE: Mike Paramore, Process Manager 2 Field Operations.

3 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Anthony Jackson, Jr.,
4 Senior Tax Analyst.

5 MS. HARPER: Jenna Harper, Compliance6 Assistance Process Manager.

7 MS. LEWIS: Rene Lewis, Director of Property8 Tax Oversight.

9 MS. FORRESTER: Today is February 21, 2023. 10 This is a public workshop scheduled in general 11 conformity with the requirements of Chapter 120 12 Florida Statute as indicated by Section 195.062, 13 Subsection 1 Florida Statutes.

14 Although these guidelines do not have the 15 force and effect of rules, in furtherance of enhancing public trust in a collaborative effort 16 17 with interested parties, the Department is holding 18 this workshop to discuss the proposed amendments to the Florida Agricultural Classified Use Real 19 20 Property Appraisal Guidelines and the development 21 of the administrative updates to the reference included in Rule 12D-51,001 Florida Administrative 22 23 Code.

The Department published notices of thispublic workshop in the January 31, 2023 edition of

Page 5 the Florida Administrative Register, Volume 49, 1 2 No. 20, Page Nos. 346 in the February 6, 2023, edition of the Florida Administrative Register 3 Volume 49, No. 24, Page No. 429. 4 5 We have placed copies of the agenda, proposed amendments to the draft rule, and the proposed 6 7 amendments to the draft quidelines on the back 8 counter. 9 For those at the computer, these documents are 10 available on the Department's rules page at 11 FloridaRevenue.com/rules. Select the property tax 12 proposed rules button at the bottom of the page, 13 then select Rule 12D-51.001. 14 I'll now ask Mark Hamilton to provide a brief 15 overview of the Department's vision of the process for updating the guidelines presented at today's 16 17 workshop. 18 MR. HAMILTON: Good morning. My name is 19 Mark Hamilton, general counsel for the Florida 20 Departement of Revenue. The quidelines before you 21 today are part of the standard measures of value 2.2 and authorized by Section 495.032 and 195.602 23 Florida Statute. 24 Pursuant to Section 195.062 Florida Statutes 25 it must be adopted in general conformity with the

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1 rule making procedure set forth in Section 120.54
2 Florida Statutes.

However, by law, they do not have the force and effect of rules. They are to be used only to aid and assist property appraisers in their assessments of property as provided by Section 195.02 Florida Statutes.

8 It's been some time since the guidelines 9 before you today in draft form have been updated, 10 so the Department envisions a robust public process 11 for updating guidelines. This started with the 12 initial draft that is before you today.

13 The process will continue through today's 14 workshop. We envision multiple workshops, 15 including outside of Tallahassee and extensive 16 opportunity for public input. We have not 17 preselected the number of workshops we intend to 18 have for these guidelines.

We envision having as many workshops as needed for the Department to determine if additional ones will assist us in the updating process. Additionally, the Department does intend to seek approval to hold a public hearing in furtherance of the updating process for these guidelines. We will try to answer any questions you may

Page 7 We may not have all the answers for you 1 have. 2 today. We'll endeavor to follow up as needed after 3 today to press any issues or areas appropriate for these quidelines. 4 We want to make sure we consider all issues 5 6 which may be raised today and any written comments 7 you may wish to submit as part of this process. With that, I'm now asking Anthony Jackson to 8 9 explain the process that we will use for taking 10 comments. 11 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. If you're attending this workshop, 12 there is an option telephone with audio. 13 If you have a question or a comment, please send an email 14 15 to DORPTO@floridarevenue.com to let me know you 16 wish to speak. 17 We will address you by name, and I will mute your phone when it is your turn to speak. 18 Ιf you're using the option telephone with no audio, 19 20 you must email your question or comment directly to 21 DORPTO@floridarevenue.com. 2.2 Please use the subject line February 21 23 workshop. For a comment, please add your name and who you represent in your email. We will read your 24 25 comment out loud, and the court reporter will enter

1 it for the record.

If you are attending this workshop using your computer, raise your hand using the icon of the left of your control panel, and we will address you when it is your turn to speak.

6 Please state your name and whom you represent, 7 and the court reporter will enter it into the 8 record, along with your question or comment. If 9 you experience difficulty, please use the quick 10 chat option to send me a message.

All visitors, you need to wear a public meeting badge while you're in the building. Please return it to the counter when the meeting is finished.

15 If there is an emergency evacuation, we will 16 walk together to the evacuation zone for your 17 safety. For those in the room, please mute or turn 18 off all cell phone ringers or any other 19 noise-making devices. Thank you.

20 MS. FORRESTER: This is Janice Forrester 21 again. We will take comments on each agenda item 22 from anyone present or from webinar and phone 23 attendees.

For anyone present, please step up to the podium when you want to speak on an agenda item.

For anyone using a computer, raise your hand
 electronically. Please tell us your name and whom
 you represent.

We ask that you limit comments to each topic agenda item currently open for discussion in the drafts published and provided online for the workshop. Please hold all other general comments until we have discussed the agenda items.

9 I will now present the draft guidelines and 10 the rule. I will summarize the proposed changes 11 within each section of the guideline and open it up 12 for members of the public to provide specific 13 comments relevant to the proposed changes covered 14 in each section.

15 Section 1 titled Introduction. This is a new 16 section which covers the legal basis for these 17 guidelines, provides a description and purpose, a 18 limitation/unintended use of these guidelines as 19 well as information about other sources of 20 appraisal guidance.

21 Are there any comments on the proposed new
22 Section 1?

23 Seeing no comments, please let the record 24 reflect that we've received no comments on 25 Section 1.

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1	Section 2 titled General Provisions. This is				
2	old Section 1. Amendments included the addition of				
3	applicable classification and valuation statutes,				
4	updates to references and sources, and the addition				
5	of subsections regarding property inspection,				
6	quality assurance, and assessment challenges.				
7	Are there any comments on the proposed changes				
8	to Section 2?				
9	Please let the record reflect that we've				
10	received no comments on Section 2.				
11	Title 3 titled Timberland. This is old				
12	Section 2 titled Woodland Section. Amendments				
13	include the expanded discussion of				
14	productive/non-productive timberland.				
15	The addition of definitions and clarification				
16	of sources and movement of tables from within the				
17	document to the addendums at the end of the				
18	document.				
19	Are there any comments to the proposed changes				
20	to Section 3?				
21	Let the record reflect that there were no				
22	comments on Section 3.				
23	Section 4 titled Pasture Land. This is the				
24	old Section 3. Amendments include the addition of				
25	the appropriate approach to value, information on				

1	$_{\tt Page\ 11}$ rental income, and the addition of language
2	regarding use of the five-year moving average.
3	Are there any comments to proposed changes to
4	Section 4?
5	Please let the record reflect that there were
6	no comments on Section 3.
7	Section 5 titled Citrus Land. This is old
8	Section 4. Amendments include the addition of
9	definitions, updates to sources, expanded
10	discussion determining yield, and adjustments to
11	the value schedule.
12	Are there any comments on the proposed changes
13	to Section 5?
14	Please let the record reflect that Section 5
15	has received no comments.
16	Section 6 titled Cropland. This is the old
17	Section 5. Amendments include expanded discussion
18	on cropland and general opposed to specific crops,
19	valuation days based on rental income, and the
20	addition of irrigated land valuation.
21	Are there any comments on the proposed Section
22	6?
23	Please let the record reflect that there were
24	no comments to Section 6.
25	Moving on to the addendums.

1	Page 12 Addendum A, band of investment example
2	replaces and expands on old Section 2.
3	Are there any comments on Addendum A?
4	Please let the record reflect that we have
5	received no comments on Addendum A.
6	Addendum B, formerly table 1 in old Section 2.
7	Any comments on Addendum B?
8	Seeing none, Addendum C, formally table 2 in
9	old Section 2. Any comments on Addendum C?
10	Seeing none, Addendum D, updated table 3 from
11	old Section 2. Are there any comments on Addendum
12	D?
13	Hearing no comments, Addendum E, updated table
14	4 from old Section 2. Are there any comments on
15	Addendum E?
16	Hearing none, Addendum F, updated table 5 from
17	old Section 2. Are there any comments on Addendum
18	F?
19	Hearing none, Addendum G, agricultural rental
20	analysis example, cropland/pasture land reference
21	in 4.3 and 6.5. Are there any questions or
22	comments on Addendum G?
23	Hearing none, Addendum H, cropland and pasture
24	land value schedule referenced in 4.3, 4.4.5, and
25	6.5. Are there any comments on Addendum H?

1	Page 13 Hearing none, are there any comments on the
2	proposed Addendums to the guidelines?
3	Next we have Rule 12D-51.001 Florida
4	Administrative Code. The purpose of the proposed
5	amendments to Rule 12D-51.001 is to incorporate by
6	reference updates to the guidelines, as well as
7	reflect the amended title.
8	The current title of the guidelines is
9	classified use real property guidelines, standard
10	assessment procedures, and standard measures of
11	value agricultural guide.
12	The proposed amended title is Florida
13	agricultural classified use real property appraisal
14	guidelines.
15	Are there any comments on the proposed
16	amendments to Rule 12D-51.001 Florida
17	Administrative Code?
18	Are there any additional general comments from
19	the public?
20	Hearing none, on behalf of the Department, I
21	want to thank everyone for participating and
22	sharing your comments with us. Your participation
23	is very helpful during this unique public workshop
24	process.
25	You may provide written comments to us.

1	Page 14 Please bear in mind, they do become part of the
2	public record. We ask that any written comments be
3	provided to us by close of business on March 17,
4	2023.
5	You may send these comments by email to
6	DORPTO@floridarevenue.com or mail your comments to
7	Property Tax Oversight, Florida Department of
8	Revenue, P.O. Box 3000, Tallahassee, Florida
9	32315-3000. This concludes the workshop. Thank
10	you.
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Page 15 1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER 2 STATE OF FLORIDA 3 4 COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE 5 I, I. IRIS COOPER, do hereby certify that I 6 7 was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing remote proceeding, and that the 8 9 transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes. 10 11 12 Dated this 6th day of March, 2023. 13 14 15 I. Iris Cooper Stenographic Reporter 16 Notary Public, State of Florida My Commission No. 1366674 Expires: July 27, 2025 17 18 19 Job No.: 295376 20 21 22 23 24 25

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