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July 16, 2020

Shannon White
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Division – Jacksonville District
Project Manager
701 San Marco Blvd.
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RE: Sale of 0.09 Federal Mitigation Credits (Palustrine Forested) from NWFWMD ILF Program,

Shuler Mitigation Area, (SAJ-2011-00287-TMF)

Dear Ms. White:

This letter shall serve to fulfill the Sponsor's (NWFWMD) obligations, described in sections 5.0 and 7.2 of the NWFWMD In-Lieu Fee Program Final Instrument and in accordance with 33 CFR 332.3(I)(3), to notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the sale of 0.09 federal mitigation credits (palustrine forested) from the NWFWMD In-Lieu Fee Program, Shuler Mitigation Area credit ledger to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). In support of this notification, a copy of Special Condition #3 of the Department of the Army (DOA) permit requiring the credit purchase is attached, a credit sales letter signed and dated by the Sponsor and permittee is attached, and the following information is provided:

DOA Permit #: SAJ-2018-02592 (NW-CDO)

Condition Requiring Credit Purchase: #3
 Number of ILF Credits Debited: 0.09
 Type of Functional Credit Assessment: UMAM

Ecological Classification of Credits: Palustrine Forested
 Specific ILF Project: Shuler Mitigation Area

Date Fee Received from Permittee: July 8, 2020

Impact (per DOA permit)

Acreage: 0.36 acres

Functional Loss:
 0.09 UMAM Credits (Palustrine Forested) Required by

Permit

Robert F. Lide

Ecological Classification: Wetland

The mitigation credits noted above have been paid in full by the Florida Department of Transportation and we have deducted them from the NWFWMD In-Lieu Fee credit ledger. By action of this sale, the Sponsor accepts responsibility for providing the compensatory mitigation required by Special Condition #3 of the DOA permit noted above. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at 850-539-5999.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Lide Enclosures

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TED EVERETT Chipley BO SPRING Port St. Joe Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive and should be entered as it appears above. Once there you will need to click on "Source Book"; and, then click on "Nationwide Permits." These files contain the description of the Nationwide Permit authorization, the Nationwide Permit general conditions, and the regional conditions, which apply specifically to this verification for NWP 14. Enclosed is a list of the six General Conditions, which apply to all Department of the Army authorizations. You must comply with all of the special and general conditions and any project specific condition of this authorization or you may be subject to enforcement action. In the event you have not completed construction of your project within the specified time limit, a separate application or re-verification may be required.

The following special conditions are included with this verification:

- **1. Reporting Address:** The Permittee shall submit all reports, notifications, documentation and correspondence required by the general and special conditions of this permit to either (not both) of the following addresses:
- a. For electronic mail (preferred): <u>SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil</u> (not to exceed 15 MB).
- b. For standard mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2018-02592 (NW - CDO), on all submittals.

- **2. Commencement Notification:** Within 10 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit the Permittee shall submit a completed "Commencement Notification" Form (attached).
- **3. Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase:** Within 30 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall provide verification to the Corps that 0.09 palustrine, forested federal mitigation bank UMAM credits have been purchased from the NWFWMD Shuler In-Lieu-Fee (SAJ-2011-00287). The required verifications shall reference this project's permit number (SAJ-2018-02592).

4. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:

a. No structure or work shall adversely affect impact or disturb properties listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP) or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

Northwest Florida Water Management District In-Lieu Fee Wetland Mitigation Program

CREDIT RESERVATION, PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE

The Northwest Florida Water Management District (NWFWMD), a Florida governmental agency and sponsor of the NWFWMD In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program, (hereinafter referred to as "Seller"), does hereby reserve and set aside for future assignment for the sole benefit of the Florida Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "Buyer"), a total of 0.09 federal Palustrine Forested Wetland Mitigation UMAM Credit from the Shuler In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Area credit ledger, issued to Seller's In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program pursuant to United States Army Corps of Engineers Permit Number SAJ-2011-00287-TMF and provisions contained in 33 CFR, Parts 325 and 332, as revised effective June 9, 2008 (Federal Mitigation Rule).

This reservation is for use of credit in connection with mitigating adverse wetland impacts which may arise as a result of construction or other projects undertaken or to be undertaken by the Buyer for FDOT Financial Project ID (FPID) 436615-1 (CR 268 High Bridge Road from Joe Adams Road to East Brickyard Road) in Gadsden County (USACE Permit #SAJ-2018-02592 NW-CDO). Seller warrants that it will take no action inconsistent with the reservation and future assignment described herein. However, this agreement does not constitute a permit or permission to proceed with any proposed action. The Buyer is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits for a proposed action.

Upon receipt of the full purchase price, Seller is committed to transfer to Buyer 0.09 federal palustrine forested mitigation credits from the Shuler In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Area credit ledgers for use in offsetting wetland impacts. The Purchase Price for 0.09 federal mitigation credits associated with FDOT Project 436615-1, in accordance with the NWFWMD In-Lieu Fee Program Final Instrument and section 373.4137, Florida Statutes, is <u>forty-three thousand three hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$43,359.00)</u>. Seller will assume full legal responsibility for success of purchased mitigation credits as required by permits noted above, and will at the appropriate time request withdrawal of the specified credits from the federal Shuler In-Lieu Fee Program credit ledger.

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| Name and Title: | Erica Collins, Environmental Supervisor II | Brett J. Cyphers, <u>Executive Director</u> |
| Executed: | 6-4-2020 | 6/4/2020 |