

Holley Navarre Water System, Inc. Names Rob Williamson CEO

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Navarre, FL - November 19, 2018 – Holley Navarre Water System’s Board of Directors has hired Rob Williamson, former District 4 Commissioner for Santa Rosa County and long-time area business owner, to serve as their Chief Executive Officer beginning Dec 1, 2018.

Mr. Williamson will fill a newly created position and oversee all operations of the Holley Navarre Water System, Inc. including water system operations, The Club at Hidden Creek and Municipal Engineering Services, Inc. Mr. Williamson will report directly to the HNWS Board of Directors and all water system department heads and GMs for Hidden Creek and MESI will report to Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Williamson has a strong background of leadership in both the public and private sector and has unique skills and experiences that the Board feels are important to the future growth of the Holley Navarre Water System. Mr. Williamson’s past work experience includes more than a decade as an entrepreneur and business owner, several years managing and overseeing golf course operations including as GM of Hidden Creek and significant service to our community by serving in a leadership capacity with many boards, foundations and County appointed boards.

Mr. Williamson’s time in public service as Santa Rosa County District 4 County Commissioner includes important experiences serving our community plus several leadership positions that will translate to the future needs of the Holley Navarre Water System including serving as Chairman on the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman of the Florida/Alabama Transportation Planning Organization, Board of Directors of Gulf Consortium overseeing \$291 Million in BP settlement, Board of Trustee and elected 2nd Vice President Florida Association of Counties.

Will Goulet, President of the Holley Navarre Water System Board of Directors stated, “The Board, by a 5-1 vote, felt that Mr. Williamson’s unique experiences, relationships and skills best served the future of the water system and our Members. The Holley Navarre Water System is at a unique time in its’ history with complex ongoing negotiations related to increasing our capacity to ensure we can support the expected growth in our area. Those negotiations require understanding of how the water system fits in with the County plans, local military bases and other area utilities. It also includes negotiating financial arrangements and potential bond issues that go well beyond the day to day operations of the water and sewer operations.” Goulet further stated, “The Board voted unanimously earlier this year to reorganize the Holley Navarre Water System and created this CEO position with a commitment to fill it before the end of the year and we are excited to have Mr. Williamson taking over December 1st.”

Mr. Williamson holds a B.S. from Florida State University, completed Leadership Santa Rosa Class 24 and was the only Florida representative selected to the Cambridge Leadership Institute in 2018.

Holley Navarre Water System, Inc. is a Member owned, not for profit, corporation that was chartered in 1970 and currently provides water and waste water treatment to over 14,000 Members in the Navarre area. Additionally, the HNWS includes The Club at Hidden Creek golf course and Municipal Engineering Services, Inc.

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