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February 13, 2009

Honorable Ruth Attaway Clerk of Circuit and County Court 20859 Central Avenue E., Rm.130 Blountstown, Fl 32424

Re: Calhoun-Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA

Dear Ms. Attaway:

Pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 604.11, we have enclosed the original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Merger of the Calhoun-Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA. Also, enclosed for your convenience is a copy of Section 604.11.

Please submit the articles to the circuit judge for Calhoun County for approval before recording in your records. Enclosed is a check payable to you in the amount of \$27 to cover the filing fee.

Then we ask that your office transmit a certified copy of the Articles of Merger to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporation, for filing. Enclosed for the Department of State mailing is a check payable to the department in the amount of \$70 to cover their filing lees for this document.

Thank you for your assistance and please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert Richardson

Director-Finance

cc: Calvin C. Bodiford, Jr. - President, Calhoun County Farm Bureau, LLA Charles C. Sexton - Vice-President, Gulf County Farm Bureau, LLA

Attachments

ARTICLES OF MERGER LIMITED AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

OSTAR SHOP SHOP Pursuant to the provisions of Section 604.09-604.14, Florida Statutes, the duly * authorized, undersigned officers of the following nonprofit Limited Agricultural Associations ("LAA") have adopted the following Articles of Merger for the purpose merging them into the Calhoun-Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA.

1. The following Plan of Merger was approved by each of the undersigned associations:

WHEREAS, Calhoun County Farm Bureau, LAA and Gulf County Farm, LAA Bureau, respectively, have operated as separate LAAs in their respective counties since their formation,

WHEREAS, the scale of the operations did not make it feasible to operate two separate Farm Bureau associations in these counties, and

WHEREAS, the membership desires to continue to have Farm Bureau associations and Farm Bureau services available for Farm Bureau members in these two counties,

NOW THEREFORE, the Calhoun County Farm Bureau, LAA and Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA enter into this Plan of Merger whereby the office operations and funds of Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA will be transferred to the Calhoun County Farm Bureau, LAA and the Gulf County Farm Bureau office operations and respective bank accounts will be merged with the Calhoun County Farm Bureau office, and

FURTHER, the Calhoun County Farm Bureau Charter will be amended so as to effect a merger to be called Calhoun-Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA and the Board of Directors of the merged organization may consist of residents from both Calhoun and Gulf Counties and members of Calhoun and Gulf County Farm Bureau will be merged for membership in the Calhoun-Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA with the same respective rights as they had previous to the merger and their membership prior to the merger will be honored until their next membership anniversary date.

- 2. As to each of the undersigned associations, the Plan of Merger was adopted in the following manner:
 - a. The Plan of Merger was adopted by Calhoun County Farm Bureau, LAA at a regular meeting of its Board of Directors held on November 18, 2008 at which a quorum was present.

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- b. The Plan of Merger was adopted by Gulf County Farm Bureau, LAA at a regular meeting of its Board of Directors held on October 22, 2008 at which a quorum was present, and at the annual meeting of its members, at which a quorum was present on October 23, 2008.
- 3. The manner of the adoption of the Plan of Merger and the vote by which it was adopted constitute full legal compliance with the provisions of Section 604.09-604.4, <u>Florida Statutes</u> and the Articles of Association and Bylaws of the undersigned associations.
- 4. As the Secretary of State of Florida no longer reserves corporate names, the undersigned hereby certify that the merging LAAs have preformed a due diligence search of the Secretary of State of Florida's public records and can find no Limited Agricultural Association of the same name as that used in the foregoing Articles of Merger to wit, "Calhoun-Gulf County Farm Bureau, LLA".
- 5. The effective date of the Plan of Merger is <u>February 01</u>, 2009 or as soon thereafter as government approval and authorization is secured.

Dated:

Calhoun County Farm Bureau, LLA

Calvin C. Bodiford, Jr. - President

Gulf County Farm Bureau, LLA

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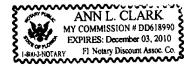
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On this day personally appeared before me an officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Calvin C. Bodiford, Jr., President, Calhoun County Farm Bureau, LLA and Charles C. Sexton, Vice-President Gulf County Farm Bureau, LLA, who after being duly sworn say that they are president and vice-president of the respective county Farm Bureau LAAs who are parties to the proposed Articles of Merger and that they executed the same on behalf of the LAAs for the uses and purposes therein expressed. They are personally known to me or have produced

as identification.

<u>(Muw I. Clark</u> Notary Public



Circuit Judge

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