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SUBJECT: LAKE REGION COUNCIL ASSOCIATION INC.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. BOX 185
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLA.
32656

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ $70.00 Filing Fee

☐ $78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status

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FROM: DENNIS BARNHARDT
Name (Printed or typed)

5873 COUNTY ROAD #352
Address

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLA. 32656
City, State & Zip

352-473-5100
Daytime Telephone number

2579,
789,686,531,2551,2550
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Lake Region Council Association
P.O. Box 185
Keystone Heights, FL 32656

April 24, 2000

Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
Doris Brown
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Subject: Lake Region Council Association, Inc.
RE: Ref. Number W00000010329

Dear Ms. Brown;

We are returning the corrected articles of Incorporation to you for processing. The address to contact us is P.O. Box 185, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, and our phone number is (352) 473-5100.

If you have any further questions, please call us.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Barnhardt

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Articles of
Incorporation

Of

Lake Region Council Association, Inc.

Florida Nonprofit Corporation

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ARTICLE I

CORPORATE NAME

The name of this corporation is Lake Region Council Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business is 5873 County Road 352, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 and the mailing address of the Corporation is P.O. Box 185, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

A. To develop an awareness of and an appreciation for the unique beauty and delicate ecology of the lake region area in and around Keystone Heights, Florida.

B. To facilitate an awareness of current issues having an impact on the quality of life in the lake region area.

C. To educate and encourage its members and other interested parties on how to participate in lawful activities having an impact on the development of our lakes in the lake region area.

D. To represent the collective interests of its members, where appropriate, provided such action is lawful and approved by the membership of the Lake Region Council.

E. To operate exclusively in any other manner for such educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

ARTICLE IV

MANNER OF ELECTION

1. All property and business affairs of the Association shall be managed and supervised by the Council Officers, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all specifically elected by the Association members.

2. Election of Officers:

   a. Election of Officers shall be held the 2nd, Friday of April at the annual meeting of the property owners.

   b. A nominating committee of five (5) members shall be appointed by the President before March 1st. The members of the nominating committee will select their own chairperson. The committee shall nominate one or more persons for each officer and director that is to be elected.

There will also be nominations accepted from the floor at the regular April meeting.

   c. Voting: The election shall be closed ballot and by property owner plurality of the votes case, each person (one vote to property owner voting, being entitled to cast their vote for each position, as there are vacancies to be filled).

   d. Membership: Membership in the Lake Region Council Association, Inc. shall be restricted to those persons having possessory interests in property on and around Keystone Heights, Florida.

   e. Vacancies: Except as the vacancies created by the removal of an Officer by the members of the Association, vacancies occurring between annual meetings of the Association, shall be appointed by the President of the Association.

   f. Absences: Any Officer or Committee Chairman failing to attend three (3) consecutive Board Meetings, except for illness or valid cause (absence due to vacation or the like shall not be a valid cause) shall forfeit his position as an Officer. The vacancy so created shall be appointed by the remaining Officers.

   g. Removal For Cause: In the event an Officer or Committee Chairman has violated any of the established requirements of his office, he or she may be removed by the Council for cause. In the event the Chairman or Officer objects to such action he or she may call for a special quorum at his expense.

3. The term of each Officer and director shall be as follows:

   Four Officers – a one (1) year period.

   These Officers shall serve the above term until he or she is removed in the manner elsewhere herein provided.

4. The organization meeting of the newly elected Officers shall be held within seven (7) days of their taking office.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Corporate Officers. The membership shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and any such other officers as the By-Laws of this corporation many authorize the membership to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Lake Region Council. The names and street addresses of the Directors/Officers are

	Name	Address
President:	Dennis Barnhardt	5873 County Road 352, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Vice President:	Linda Wall	5569 County Road 352, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Secretary:	Nellie Stinson	7789 Twin Lakes Road, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Treasurer:	Harold Marvin	5883 County Road 352, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be temporarily located at 5873 County Road 352, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be Dennis Barnhardt.

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATOR

The name and residence address of the Incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

Name	Address
Dennis Barnhardt	5873 County Road 352, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

ARTICLE VIII

CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for general purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IX

DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual

ARTICLE X

STOCK

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE XI

EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth Article IV hereof.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in activities, or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE XII

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Corporate Officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Officers shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XIII

MEMBERSHIP

The qualification for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws for this corporation. Membership shall not be denied on basis race, creed, religious and/or political affiliations.

ARTICLE XIV

MEETINGS

A. Meetings. Any action required or permitted to be taken by one of the Corporate Officers under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all officers of the Council shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Council, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken at a regular meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of this corporation authorize the officers to so act.
Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the By-Laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the By-Laws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-Laws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Corporate Officers, or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the By-Laws. (Such amendment shall be attached to the original copy of the By-Laws.)

ARTICLE XVI

DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, or charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE XVII

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Corporate Officers and presented to a quorum of members for their vote in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of this corporation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Lake Region Council was founded by Dennis and Janet Barnhardt on January 14, 2000. (Concerned about the low lake levels, Mr. and Mrs. Barnhardt began by handing out flyers on the streets, alerting residents about the levels of the lakes.)

I, Dennis Barnhardt, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation, this 24 day of April, 2000.

WITNESSED BY:

Nellie W. Stinson
witness

Janet M. Barnhardt
witness

Signature of Incorporator:

Dennis L. Barnhardt
Dennis Barnhardt

04-24-2000
Date

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT
Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.325 Florida Statute.

Dennis L. Barnhardt
Dennis Barnhardt Registered Agent

4-24-2000
Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CLAY

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared and Dennis Barnhardt, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged to and before me that he executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24TH Day of April, 2000.

Notary Public, State of Florida

GLENDA E. FARRIS
Printed Name

GLENDA E. FARRIS
MY COMMISSION # CC 819843
EXPIRES: March 22, 2003
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

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