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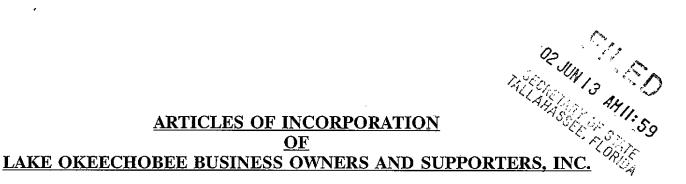
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The undersigned incorporator hereby forms a corporation under Section 617.01, Florida Statutes, applicable to corporations not for profit, under the following proposed charter:

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be LAKE OKEECHOBEE BUSINESS OWNERS AND SUPPORTERS, INC.

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be:

13500 Highway 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

# ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to:

- A. Improve and preserve the quality of water in Lake Okeechobee;
- B. Promote the adoption, enactment and enforcement of fair and equitable laws, rules and regulations governing control of, access to and utilization of the water in Lake Okeechobee among all parties interested in the use of the water;
- C. Obtain and distribute information and data concerning Lake Okeechobee and its tributaries to the general public; and
- D. Serve as a liaison or informational conduit between governmental and regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over Lake Okeechobee and its tributaries and the general public.

#### ARTICLE IV TERM

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

### ARTICLE V POWERS

The corporation shall have all powers provided under Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes (1997).

### ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

All of the members of the unincorporated association known as Lake Okeechobee Business Owners and Supporters shall be members of this corporation. Admission to membership shall be governed by the By-Laws of the corporation.

# ARTICLE VII MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are selected is by majority vote of the members of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

GAIL POWERS, 13500 Highway 441 S.E., Okeechobee, Florida 34974

# ARTICLE IX INITIAL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial officers and directors are:

President/Director

Gail Powers

13500 Highway 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Vice President/Director

Phillip Roland

340 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440

Secretary/Treasurer

Debbie Avery

688 Lake Betty Dr., Lake Placid, FL 33852

Director/Area Representative Mary Ann Martin

920 East Delmont, Clewiston, FL 33440

Director/Area Representative Greg Maclean

3235 Highway 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Director/Area Representative Ed Bedell

114 Florida Avenue, Moore Haven, FL 33971

Director/Area Representative Charles Corbin

1841 NW Avenue L, Belle Glade, FL 33430

Director/Area Representative Rob Murchie

4500 Joe Overstreet Road, Kenansville, FL 34734

Director/Area Representative Harry Simmons

148 Chobee Street, BHR, Okeechobee, FL 34974

# ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this corpooraton, all of the assets of this corporation remaining after the payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations and institutions devoted to the purposes for which this corporation is organized and operated and shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or as hereafter amended, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, director or trustee of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2002.

Fait Powers

### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance of Chapter 617.023, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted compliance with said Act:

That LAKE OKEECHOBEE BUSINESS OWNERS AND SUPPORTERS, INC., a corporation not for profit, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, has named GAIL POWERS located at 13500 Highway 441 SE, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Gail Powers