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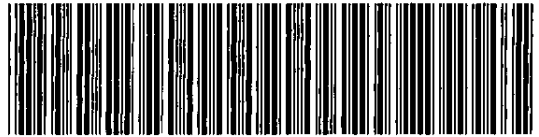
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SUBJECT: Big Lake Area Officials Association Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: ANTHONY B. CHIHOCKY
Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 422
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Clewiston, FL 33440
City, State & Zip

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Daytime Telephone number

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Big Lake Area Officials Association Inc.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE BIG LAKE AREA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The underlined subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is a natural person competent to contract and hereby form a Not For Profit Corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Not For Profit Corporation is BIG LAKE AREA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC, herein after referred to as the Corporation, or the Association.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

SECTION 1 The Association shall serve the Lake Okeechobee area and work in harmony with neighboring local FHSAAs. The association shall seek to provide officials with the training and experience necessary to officiate athletic contests in a professional manner; promote teamwork and cooperation amongst officials; promote good sportsmanship; recruit new officials into the FHSAAs, improve the efficiency of and better the conditions of the members.

SECTION 2 The Association is organized exclusively for Labor purposes within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(5) or the corresponding provision of any new US IRS code. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, this organization shall not carry on any activities which are not to be conducted by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(5) of the IRS Code or the corresponding provision of any new US IRS code.

SECTION 3 The Association shall have the full authority to represent its members in all activities governed by the Association.

ARTICLE III NET EARNINGS

No net earnings of this organization shall benefit any member.

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ARTICLE IV **PRINCIPLE OFFICE**

The address of the principle office of this corporation is 913 Popash Circle, Clewiston, FL 33440 and the mailing address is Post Office Box 422, Clewiston, FL 33440.

ARTICLE V **INCORPORATOR**

The name, mailing and street address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

Anthony B. Chihocky
Post Office Box 422
913 Popash Circle
Clewiston, FL 33440

ARTICLE VI **OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation shall be:

President:	Anthony Chihocky
Secretary:	Anthony Chihocky
Treasurer:	Anthony Chihocky

Whose addresses shall be the same as the principle office of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII **DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Corporation shall be voted upon by the members in good standing of the Association in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII **POWERS OF CORPORATION**

The Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, subject to any limitations or restrictions imposed by applicable law or these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IX **TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

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ARTICLE X **FISCAL YEAR**

This corporation shall have a fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends June 30.

ARTICLE XI **REGISTERED OWNER(S)**

The Corporation, to the extent permitted by law, shall be entitled to treat the person in whose name any share or right is registered on the books of the Corporation as the owner thereto, for all purposes, and except as may be agreed in writing by the Corporation, the Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such share or right on the part of any other person, whether or not the Corporation shall have notice thereof.

ARTICLE XII **REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial address of the registered office of this Corporation is 913 Popash Circle, Clewiston Florida, and the mailing address of said office is Post Office Box 422, Clewiston, FL 33440. The name and address and mailing address of the registered agent of this Corporation is Anthony B. Chihocky, 913 Popash Circle, Clewiston, FL 33440, Post Office Box 422, Clewiston, FL 33440.

ARTICLE XIII **AMENDMENT**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or in any amendment hereto, or to add any provision to these Articles of Incorporation or to any amendment hereto, in any manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the provisions of any applicable statute of the State of Florida, and all rights conferred upon members of the association in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto are granted subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE XIV **EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective as of the date of receipt by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, FL.

ARTICLE XV **CONSTITUTION**

The members of the Association shall have the power to make, alter, amend, or repeal the Constitution of the Corporation, but the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of

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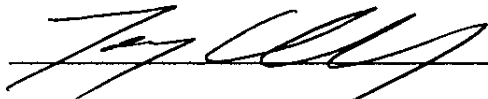
the members in good standing present at a meeting of the Association is required for any such adoption or change.

ARTICLE XVI **INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify a director or officer of the Corporation who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director or officer was a party because the director or officer is or was a director or officer of the Corporation against reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceeding. The Corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because the individual is or was a director, officer, member or agent of the Corporation against liability if authorized in the specific case after determination, in the manner required by the board of Directors, that indemnification of the director, officer, member or agent, as the case may be, is permissible in the circumstances because the director, officer, member or agent has met the standard of conduct set forth by the board of directors. The indemnification and advancement of attorney fees and expenses for directors, officers, members and agents of the Corporation shall apply when such persons are serving at the Corporation's request while a director, officer, member or agent of the Corporation, as the case may be, as a director, officer, partner, trustee, member, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Corporation. The Corporation also may pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by a director, officer, member or agent of the Corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The Corporation also may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as a director, officer, member or agent of the Corporation, whether or not the Corporation would have power to indemnify the individual against the same liability under the law. All references in these Articles of Incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorney fees and expenses to any person who is or was a director, officer, member or agent of the Corporation or the ability of the Corporation otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by contract or in any other manner. If any word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of the attorney fees or expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise affected. All references in these Articles of Incorporation to "director", "officer", "member", and "agent" shall include the heirs, estates, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such persons.


Big Lake Area Officials Association Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this first day of September, 2009.


Anthony B. Chihocky, Incorporator, *president*

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Anthony B. Chihocky, having a business office identical with the registered office of the Corporation name above, and having been designated as the Registered Agent to accept service of process in the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, is familiar with and accepts the obligations and agrees to act in the capacity of registered Agent under the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes.

by:  9-1-09
Anthony B. Chihocky, President,
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