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

v.

SUBJECT: Business Development Board of Okeechobee County, 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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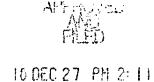
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# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, INC.

(A Florida Corporation, Not For Profit)

## <u>ARTICLE I</u>

### Name and Location of Principal Office

The name of this Corporation is Business Development Board of Okeechobee County, Inc., a Florida Corporation, Not For Profit. Its principal office of business shall be at 315 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### <u>Term</u>

This Corporation shall exist beginning January 1, 2011, and shall exist perpetually until dissolved by due process of law.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### General Purposes

This Corporation is formed for the purpose of (a) advancing the general welfare and prosperity of Okeechobee and the surrounding area so that its citizens and all areas of the business community may prosper; and (b) engaging in all other activities permitted under Section 501(c)(6)of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Dedicated and Distribution of Assets

No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the Corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes) and no member, director or officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this Corporation will be disposed of by the Board of Directors after the claims of creditors have been satisfied and if such corporation shall no longer exist, to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(6) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Management of Corporate Affairs

#### Board of Directors.

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors (or Board of Governors). The number of directors of the Corporation may be increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). Directors shall serve a term of three years, and will be elected at the annual meeting of members in the manner provided by the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### <u>Membership</u>

All individual or business entity interested in the economic well-being of the Okeechobee area, or who desire to preserve and promote any of the objectives of the Corporation, shall be eligible for membership as a member of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **Bylaws**

The members of this Corporation may adopt such bylaws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of its purposes as may be deemed necessary from time to time. Upon notice properly given, the bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the members present, and members casting votes by email as specified in the bylaws, at any regular or special meeting of the membership at which a quorum is present. The qualifications for members and their voting authority shall be regulated by the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Amendments to Articles of Incorporation

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the Board of Directors and, upon such proposal, shall be presented to the membership for adoption at the next Annual Meeting of the Corporation or at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided that for any meeting so called, at least twenty (20) days notice in writing shall be given to such members, of the fact that an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is to be considered and that a summary of any such amendments shall be stated in such notice. Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation must be

approved by a majority of the members present, and members casting votes by email, at a regular or special meeting of the membership at which a quorum is present in order for the amendment to be adopted.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### <u>Incorporator</u>

The name and address of the incorporator is Terry W. Burroughs, 119 South Partor Av Okeechobee, FL 34974

## ARTICLE X

## Registered Office and Agent

The name and address of the registered agent of this Corporation is Terry Burroughs, 119 S. Parrott Ave, Okeechobee, Florida 34974.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, with an effective date beginning January 1, 2011; the undersigned has made, subscribed and acknowledged these Articles of Incorporation on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_

JESSICA J. SUMMER
MY COMMISSION # DD 829708

EXPIRES: November 8, 2012

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President INCORPORATOR/ REGISTERED AGENT