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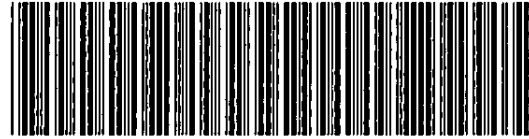
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SUBJECT: LEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.  
Ref. Number: W12000048553

We have received your document for LEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$105.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The Florida Statutes prohibits a Florida non-profit corporation from being a party in a conversion. A Florida non-profit corporation may be a party in a merger; however, the Florida non-profit corporation must be the surviving entity.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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Gina McLeod  
Regulatory Specialist II

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**Certificate of Conversion**

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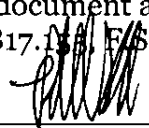
**Limited Agricultural Association into Florida Not For Profit Corporation**

This Certificate of Conversion and **attached Articles of Incorporation** are submitted to convert the following **Limited Agricultural Association into a Florida Not For Profit Corporation** in accordance with Sections 604.14 and 617.1809, Florida Statutes.

1. The name of the Limited Agricultural Association immediately prior to the filing of this Certificate of Conversion is **Lee County Farm Bureau, LAA**. 790447
2. The Limited Agricultural Association was initially formed under ss.604.09-604.14, Florida Statutes, on 06/12/1967
3. The name of the Florida Profit Not For Profit Corporation as set forth in the **attached Articles of Incorporation** is **Lee County Farm Bureau, Inc.**
4. **FEI/EIN Number:** 591110069      **Email Address:** Linda.Byrd@ffbb.com
5. If not effective on the date of filing, enter the effective date: 9/19/12

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012

**Required Signature for Florida Not For Profit Corporation:** Individual signing affirms that the facts stated in this document are true. Any false information constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.13, F.S.

Signature of Incorporator: 

EFFECTIVE DATE 9/19/12

Printed Name: Russell Shane Parker Title: President

**Signature(s) of all person(s) required by Limited Agricultural Association's Articles of Association or Bylaws:**

Signature: 

Printed Name: Russell Shane Parker

Address: 13500 Peace Rd Ft. Myers, FL 33905

Title: President

Signature: 

Printed Name: Cynthia Widener

Address: 5351 Jackson Rd Ft. Myers, FL 33905

Title: Vice President

Signature: Richard U. Voellinger  
Printed Name: RICHARD U. VOELLINGER  
Address: 821 SUNSET VISTA DR. FT. MYERS FL 33919  
Title: Secretary/Treasurer

Signature: William E. Wright  
Printed Name: William E. Wright  
Address: 3481 Hibiscus Dr, Ft Myers 33901  
Title: Director

Signature: B. Keith Councell  
Printed Name: B. Keith Councell  
Address: 3004 El Dorado Blvd N Cape Coral FL 33993  
Title: Director

Signature: Timothy W. Eckert  
Printed Name: TIMOTHY W. ECKERT  
Address: 1004 NW 12TH TERRACE, CAPE CORAL, FL 33993  
Title: Director

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be **LEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.**

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal Office Address:

14180 Metropolis Avenue  
Suite 1  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Mailing Address, if different, is:

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**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Section 1. To promote, foster and encourage more efficient and progressive agriculture.

Section 2. To enable the farmers and growers of Florida to enjoy the manifold benefits of joint and collective effort.

Section 3. To work for the solution of the problems of the farm, the farm home, and rural community, by the use of recognized advantages of organized action, to the end that those engaged in the various branches of agriculture may have opportunity for happiness and prosperity in their chosen work.

Section 4. To represent, protect and advance the social, economic and educational interests of farmers in Florida.

Section 5. To cooperate with Florida Farm Bureau Federation and through it, with the American Farm Bureau Federation, and with the Agricultural Extension Service in bringing their resources to the farmers of Florida.

Section 6. To do and perform any and all acts and things necessary, proper, convenient or desirable for and to affect the full and complete exercise and enjoyment of any and all of the powers and purposes of the Corporation hereby created.

This Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain to the members thereof.

#### **ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS**

The property, affairs, business, and operation of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected or appointed. All officers shall be elected or appointed as provided in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

The officers who are to conduct the business of the Corporation until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

President and Director Russell Shane Parker  
Address 13500 Peace Rd  
City, State, Zip Ft. Myers, FL 33905

Vice President and Director Cynthia Widener  
Address 5351 Jackson Rd  
City, State, Zip Ft. Myers, FL 33905

Secretary/Treasurer and Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Director B. Keith Council  
Address 3004 El dorado Blvd N  
City, State, Zip Cape Coral FL 33993

Director William E Wright  
Address 3481 Hibiscus Dr  
City, State, Zip Rt. Myers, FL 33901

Director Timothy W. FOKERT  
Address 1004 NW 12<sup>TH</sup> TERRACE  
City, State, Zip Cape Coral, FL 33993

**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The **name and Florida street address** of the Registered Agent is:

Name: **Wendell Williams**

Florida Street Address: 14180 Metropolis Avenue  
Suite 1  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Name: **Shane Parker**

Florida Street Address: 14180 Metropolis Avenue  
Suite 1  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

**Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.**

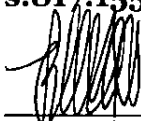


Required Signature of Registered Agent

9-10-12

Date

**I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.**



Required Signature of Incorporator

9/10/12

Date