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DAMON MOORE 702 SUNDANCE TRAIL WIMAUMA, FL 33578

SUBJECT: OYSTER RIVER ECOLOGY, INC

Ref. Number: W22000140157

We have received your document for OYSTER RIVER ECOLOGY, INC and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The title(s) in the officer/director field(s) is/are not acceptable. Please refer to the following link for acceptable officer/director title information. http://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/search/guides/corporation-records/title-abbreviations/

The state of Florida requires a nonprofit organization to have at least three directors. If there is one (1) director there must be three (3) directors.

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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# Articles of Incorporation of Oyster River Ecology, Inc.

In Compliance with Chapter 617 F.S.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Nonprofit Corporation under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

#### Article I Name

The full name of the Corporation shall be: Oyster River Ecology, Inc.

## **Article II Principal Office**

The principal street address is: 702 Sundance Trail. Wimauma, FL 33578.

The principal mailing address is: 702 Sundance Trail, Wimauma, FL 33578.

#### Article III Purpose

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, to include the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The organizational purpose is to advance the practice of ecological restoration through studies supporting ecological restoration needs and opportunity identification, implementation of restoration projects; assisting government, private companies, and nonprofits with restoration project planning, design, and implementation; and community engagement and education.

#### Article IV Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

### **Article V Initial Directors**

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Name and Title: Ryan Horstman, D/C

Address: 11320 Carrollwood Drive

Tampa, FL 33618

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Name and Title: <u>Joy Leggett-Murphy, D/S</u>

Address: 3214 6th Ave

Holmes Beach, FL 34217

Name and Title: Rusty Chinnis, D/T

Address: 7091 Longboat Key Drive East

Longboat Key, FL 34228

Name and Title: <u>Damon Moore</u>, D

Address: <u>702 Sundance Trail</u>

Wimauma, FL 33598

#### **Article VI Limitations**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **Article VII Dedication of Assets**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exhibit purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# **Article VIII Registered Agent**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Name:

Joy Leggett-Murphy

Address:

3214 6th Ave

Holmes Beach, FL 34217

## **Article IX Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name:

Damon Moore

Address:

702 Sundance Trail

Wimauma, FL 33598

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.

Signature of Registered Agent

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Incorporator

Damon Moore

Date 10/26/2022