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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CRYSTAL RIVER CONSERVATION CENTER, INC (A Corporation Not for Profit)

We, the undersigned, hereby execute the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to a Corporation not for profit.

<u>ARTICLE 1 – Name:</u> The name of this Corporation shall be CRYSTAL RIVER CONSERVATION CENTER, INC.

<u>ARTICLE II – Principal Address:</u> The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be as follows:

5988 W Green Acres St Homosassa, FL 34446

<u>ARTICLE III – Purpose:</u> The specific purpose for which this Corporation is organized is to provide a Conservation education center in the Crystal River, Florida area and to perform conservation activities in waterways in the Citrus County area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and to supersede the same where in conflict, the general purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

<u>ARTICLE IV – Manner of Election:</u> The Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, as provided for in the By-Laws of this Corporation from time to time, and who shall be elected annually by the Members for a term as stated in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V – Initial Officers and/or Directors: The initial Officers and Directors are the following:

Cody Cummins, Director 5988 W Green Acres St Homosassa, FL 34446

Michael Scott Birns, Director 6 N Wynwyd Dr Newark, DE 19711

Jeff David Adams, Director 15 Captains Cove Rd Inglis, FL 34449 Rosemarie Christine Bailey, Director 6171 W Pine Circle Crystal River, FL 34429

> Garrett S Leblanc, Director PO Box 80 Indian Lake, NY 12842

ARTICLE VI – Registered Agent: The Registered Agent and office shall be as follows:

Cody Cummins 5988 W Green Acres St Homosassa, FL 34446

ARTICLE VII - Incorporator: The name and address of the Incorporator shall be as follows:

Cody Cummins 5988 W Green Acres St Homosassa, FL 34446

<u>ARTICLE VIII – Existence:</u> This Corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless sooner dissolved by law.

ARTICLE IX – Non-Profit Status: The Corporation shall have no capital stock and shall declare no dividends, and the profits, or other income, if any, of the Corporation, from whatever source, shall be used solely in promoting the purposes thereof. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit, 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 herein. 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 X – Liquidation: Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt 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 of 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 XI - By-Laws: The Directors shall have the right to make and adopt such By-Laws as they deem proper and advisable. Such By-Laws may also be made, altered, or rescinded upon a majority vote of the Members of the Corporation present and voting at any regular or special business meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XII - Amendments: Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote at a meeting for which notice of the amendment to be made has been given in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of this Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII - Effective Date: The effective date of this filing shall be November 10, 2023.

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.

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 Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

Required Signature of Incorporator