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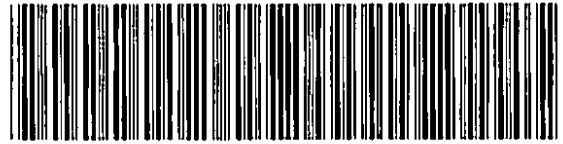
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From: Shauna Godbolt  
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**SUBJECT:** Florida Crane Owners Association, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Christina Whittemore

Name (Printed or typed)

1219 N HWY 301

Address

Tampa, FL 33619

City, State & Zip

941-404-9078

Daytime Telephone number

christina.whittemore@sims Crane.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
FLORIDA CRANE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**A Corporation Not for Profit  
Under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes**

In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I hereby make, adopt, and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation:

**I.  
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be:

Florida Crane Owners Association, Inc.

The principal and mailing address of the corporation shall be:

1219 N HWY 301,  
Tampa, FL 33619

**II.  
PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized is promoting such common business, professional, and educational interests of its members as may qualify the corporation as exempt within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code"). Within such limits, the corporation is specifically organized to improve and promote the well-being of the crane and rigging industry through working groups of industry owners, representatives, and professionals (who are members of the corporation) who are interested in safety and education training, regulatory and legislative awareness, and other business issues and conditions affecting the industry. Dues from members will constitute the primary source of support for the corporation.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers, members, or other private individuals, 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 the purpose clause hereof. The corporation will not engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit. The corporation will seek legislation germane to its members' common interests. To the extent it would disqualify the corporation from tax exemption under section 501(c)(6) of the Code, (1) no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and (2) the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

### **III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of no fewer than three (3) but no more than seven (7) persons, as set forth in the Bylaws and determined by the board of directors from time to time. The method of election of directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

### **IV. INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the initial officers and directors of the corporation are as follows:

Randall Reid 1219 N HWY 301 Tampa, FL 33619	-	Director, Co-Chair, and Executive Officer
Jackson Sims 1219 N HWY 301 Tampa, FL 33619	-	Director and Co-Chair
Deborah Weber 1219 N HWY 301 Tampa, FL 33619	-	Director and Co-Chair

**V.**  
**CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

**VI.**  
**BYLAWS**

The first board of directors of the corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended, or rescinded by the directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

**VII.**  
**REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1219 N HWY 301, Tampa, FL 33619, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Christina Whittemore.

**VIII.**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is Christina Whittemore, 1219 N HWY 301, Tampa, FL 33619.

**IX.**  
**MEMBERS**

The qualification for members, the classes of members, the rights and obligations of members, and the manner of their admission shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

**X.**  
**COMMITTEES**

The corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the corporation.

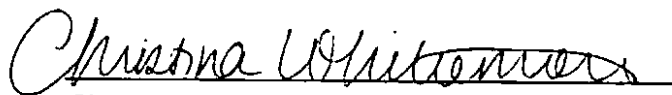
**XI.**  
**DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) or section 501(c)(6) of the Code, including, but not limited to, another organization that is recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) or section 501(c)(6) of the 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 the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the aforementioned purposes.

**XII.**  
**AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

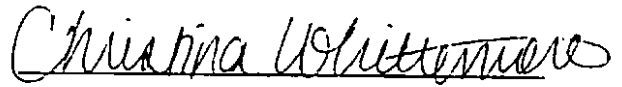
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 10 day of February 2024.



Christina Whittemore  
Incorporator

### ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby consents to the appointment as registered agent of the corporation, to accept service of process upon said corporation in this state. The undersigned is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position.



Christina Whittemore

Registered Agent

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