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Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed the Articles of Incorporation of Circle "J" Ranch. Please record and return to me.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Ronnie Poole
Broker

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CIRCLE "J" RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(a non-profit corporation)**

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The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is CIRCLE "J" RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The period of the duration of the corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The association is organized for the purposes of acquisition and management, maintenance, operation and care of real personal property, including but without limitation, all roads, parks, common areas, lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surfacewater management works and preservation or conservation areas, wetlands and wetland mitigation areas which are owned or controlled by the association or the owners in common:

A. To fix and make assessments and collect the assessment by any lawful means, including foreclosure of any lien filed for such assessment.

B. To borrow money.

C. To use and expend the proceeds of assessments and borrowings in a manner consistent with the purposes for which this association is formed and to pay debts and obligations of the association.

D. Review plans and specifications of proposed improvements to determine whether they comply with the Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants of Circle "J"

Ranch.

E. To maintain, repair, replace, operate and care for real and personal property, including but without limitation, all roads, parks, common areas, lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surfacewater management works and preservation or conservation areas, wetlands and wetland mitigation areas, which are owned or controlled by the association or the owners in common in a manner consistent with the permit issued by the Suwannee River Water Management District and the operation and maintenance plan attached thereto.

F. Purchase and maintain insurance.

G. To make, amend, impose and enforce by any lawful means, reasonable rules and regulations of use of the common areas and association property.

H. To contract for services with others.

L. To do and perform anything required by these articles, the bylaws, or the declaration to be done by the owner, but if not done by the owner in a timely manner, at the expense of Owner.

J. To do and perform any obligations imposed upon the association by the declaration or by any permit or authorization from any unit of local, regional, state, or the federal government and to enforce by any legal means the provisions of these articles, the bylaws and the declaration.

The foregoing specific duties and responsibilities are not construed in any way as limiting the powers of the association. Rather, the association will have and exercise all the powers conferred upon associations so formed.

ARTICLE IV - POWERS

In carrying out its purposes, the corporation shall have all corporation powers now or hereafter provided by the laws of the State of Florida, including, but not limited to:

A. The purchase, ownership, maintenance, control, sale, lease, mortgaging, encumbering or otherwise dealing in any manner with real and personal property of every type, kind and nature.

B. The employment, direction and discharge of personnel necessary to carry out the purposes herein stated.

C. To do any and all things necessary, incidental, or desirable to accomplish any and all of the purposes and objectives for which the corporation is organized, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms or individuals and to carry on any lawful activity necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes and objectives of the corporation.

D. To make and collect assessments against property owners in the Development and use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties, including, but not limited to the defraying of costs and expense of carrying out its purposes.

E. To maintain, repair, replace and operate property owned by it, purchase insurance thereon, and to make and adopt reasonable regulations respecting the use and appearance of the Road System and other property owned or controlled by the corporation, and to enforce by all legal means the provisions of these articles of incorporation and any by-laws or regulations adopted pursuant hereto.

The foregoing enumeration of powers shall in no way be construed to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of the corporation as may be otherwise provided or granted by law.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is, from time to time, the record owner of a parcel of land in Circle "J" Ranch Development shall be a member of the association. Membership will be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from the ownership.

ARTICLE VI - PRINCIPAL OFFICE, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial principal office and registered office of the corporation is 123 E. Howard Street, Live Oak, FL 32060. The name of its initial Registered Agent at such address is Ronnie Poole.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have a Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons, who shall be elected as provided in the Corporation Bylaws. The number of persons constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of three (3) and the names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as initial members are:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

Ronnie Poole

123 E. Howard Street
Live Oak, FL 32060

Robert Poole

P.O. Box 336
Live Oak, FL 32064

Daniel Crapps

4400 W. US Highway 90
Lake City, FL 32055

ARTICLE VIII - ORGANIZATION FORM

The corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE IX - DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No part of the income of the corporation shall be distributable to its members, directors or officers either during the existence of the corporation or upon its dissolution; provided, however, that upon dissolution the assets of the corporation shall be transferred to a successor entity, or to the then property owners in the Development in such manner as to assure that the Road System and all other property owned by the corporation for the several property owners in the Development.

ARTICLE X - NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME

ADDRESS

Ronnie Poole

123 E. Howard Street
Live Oak, FL 32060

ARTICLE XI - OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the members may determine. One person may hold two or more offices.

ARTICLE XII - INITIAL CONTROL BY DEVELOPER

Notwithstanding the other provisions contained in these articles to the contrary, Ronnie Poole, Robert Poole and Daniel Crapps as Owners under a Warranty Deed dated April 30, 1998, known as Poole, Poole and Crapps, a Florida Partnership, or their successors in interest ("Developer"), shall have control of the activities of the Association until the Developer relinquished that right or ceases to be the owner of 30% of the parcels within the Development. The Developer, prior to relinquishing control of the association or otherwise allowing control to transfer to the directors of the association, shall provide at least 30 days written notice to the Suwannee River Water Management District that all terms and conditions placed upon the Developer by permits or authorizations from the Suwannee River Water Management District have been satisfied in full and that transfer is proposed to occur on a specific date.

ARTICLE XIII - ASSESSMENTS

Assessments to each Member for such Member's proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be computed, assessed and due as provided in the Declaration. Annual assessments, installments thereon or special assessments not paid by the due date, as established by the Declaration, shall bear interest from the due date until paid at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or such lower rate as the Board of Directors shall determine, shall be subject to a late charge as may be set and uniformly applied by the Board of Directors and shall entitle the Association to reimbursement of attorneys' fees incurred by the Association incident to the collection of any such delinquent assessment. The Association shall have a lien on each Lot and Unit for any unpaid assessment, including special assessments, together with interest thereon, and for reasonable attorney's fees.

ARTICLE XIV - SUBSCRIBERS AND INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The subscribers and initial officers and directors of the corporation are:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

Ronnie Poole
President

123 E. Howard Street
Live Oak, FL 32060

Daniel Crapps
Secretary

4400 W. US Highway 90
Lake City, FL 32055

Robert Poole
Treasurer

P.O. Box 336
Live Oak, FL 32064

ARTICLE XV - BYLAWS AND ARTICLES

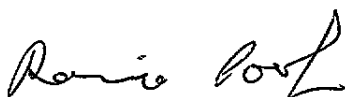
The bylaws will be adopted and may be amended by the Directors or members, consistent with these articles and the declaration by majority vote or written assent of members entitled to exercise voting power. Amendments to articles or bylaws which directly or indirectly impact operation and maintenance of the surfacewater management system, including but without limitation, all lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surfacewater management works, and preservation or conservation areas, wetlands and wetland mitigation areas which are owned by the association or the owners in common, may be made after approval by the Suwannee River Water Management District. Such approval shall be in the form of a modification to any and all permits issued by the Suwannee River Water Management District under the lawfully adopted rules of the Suwannee River Water Management District in effect at the time of application for such modification. Amendments to the articles or the bylaws which do not impact operation or maintenance of the system may be made without authorization of the Suwannee River Water Management District; however, copies of any such amendments shall be forwarded to the district within 30 days of approval.

ARTICLE XVI - DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

No part of the income of the corporation shall be distributable to its members, directors or officers either during the existence of the corporation or upon its dissolution.

Prior to dissolution of this association, all property, interest in property, whether real, personal, or mixed, which is directly or indirectly related to the surfacewater management system, including but without limitation, all lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surfacewater management works, and preservation or conservation areas, wetlands, and wetland mitigation areas which are owned by the association or the owners in common, will be dedicated to and accepted for maintenance by an approved entity. Dedication or approval must be authorized by the Suwannee River Water Management District through modification of any and all permits or authorizations issued by the Suwannee River Water Management District. Such modification shall be made under the lawfully adopted rules of the Suwannee River Water Management District in effect at the time of application for such modification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed, in duplicate, by its duly authorized undersigned officer, this 4 day of November, 1998.



Ronnie Poole

STATE OF FLORIDA

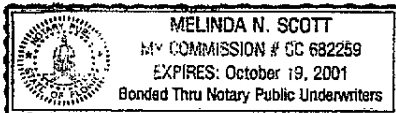
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The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by Ronnie Poole, the incorporator named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, this 4th day of November, 1998.

Melinda N. Scott

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Oct. 19, 2001



ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY RESIDENT AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for CIRCLE "J" RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., at 123 E. Howard Street, Live Oak, FL, 32060, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida Statute relative to keeping open said office.

Ronnie Poole
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