



**Office of Secretary of State.**

*I, Tom Adams, Secretary of State of the State of Florida,  
do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of*

**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

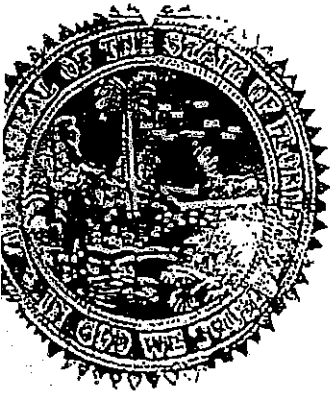
**OF**

**GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED,**

a corporation not for profit organized and existing under  
the Laws of the State of Florida, filed on the 2nd day  
of July, A. D., 1964 as shown by the records of  
this office.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of  
the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital,  
this the 25th day of June,  
A. D. 1965.*

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be the GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, and shall be a non-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and shall have all powers given to a non-profit corporation by the provisions of said Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

**AMENDED ARTICLE II**

The nature of the business of the corporation and the objects and purposes for which it is organized are:

- A. To construct, maintain, and operate a water system for the supplying of water for domestic, commercial, agricultural, industrial, and other purposes to its members and to engage in any activity related thereto, including but not limited to the acquisition of water by appropriation, drilling, pumping, and/or purchase, and the purchase, laying, institution, operation, maintenance and repair of wells, pumping equipment, water mains, pipelines, valves, meters, and all other equipment necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of a water system, and
- B. To construct, maintain, and operate a sewage disposal system for the use and benefit of its members. (See attached Certificate of Amendment)

**AMENDED ARTICLE III**

The members of the corporation shall be the subscribers hereto and all other persons, partnerships, corporations, or other legal entities having a reasonable accessibility to the sources of and who desire to have water and other services supplied for domestic, commercial, agricultural, industrial, or other uses from the systems constructed, maintained, and operated by the corporation. The corporation shall not be required to admit additional members if the capacity of its water system is exhausted by the needs of its existing members. (See attached Certificate of Amendment)

#### ARTICLE IV

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE V

The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

U. Curry Walton	Box 2, Pineland, Florida
A. J. Pappalardo	St. James City, Florida
Bart Hockrein	Box 530, Matlacha, Florida
Robert Whidden	Box 22, Bokeelia, Florida
Harry Byrd Kline	Star Route C, N. Ft. Myers, Florida

#### AMENDED ARTICLE VI

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of not less than three nor more than nine members. The number of directors shall be determined by the By-Laws. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the members for such term or terms of office as shall be provided in the By-Laws. (See Certificate of Amendment)

#### ARTICLE VII

The officers who shall serve until the first election or until their successors are elected shall be as follows:

Bart Hockrein	President
Robert Whidden	Vice President
Harry Byrd Kline	Secretary-Treasurer

The term of office of the foregoing officers shall be for a period of one year or until their successors are elected. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The first Board of Directors shall consist of five members who shall serve until the first election or until their successors are elected. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

U. Curry Walton	Box 2, Pineland, Florida
A. J. Pappalardo	St. James City, Florida
Bart Hockrein	Box 530, Matlacha, Florida
Robert Whidden	Box 22, Bokeelia, Florida
Harry Byrd Kline	Star Route C, N. Ft. Myers, Florida

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The By-Laws of the corporation shall be made and may be altered or rescinded by a vote of a majority of the membership

#### **ARTICLE X**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed to the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the members of the corporation. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors may approve, amend, or reject such proposals and shall have final authority to adopt any amendment.

#### **AMENDED ARTICLE XI**

The assets and income of this non-profit corporation shall be utilized to promote its purposes. No salaries or fee shall be paid to the directors or officers of this corporation, but nothing herein shall prevent the hiring of employees or engaging of others to perform services for the corporation or to prevent the reimbursement of any person who makes outlays for reasonable expenses of the corporation. In the event of dissolution or liquidation, either voluntarily or pursuant to order of a court of competent jurisdiction, and after the payment of all outstanding liabilities, each member shall be repaid capital credits without priority on a pro rata basis to the extent assets are available to make such payments. To the extent that assets remain following payment of all outstanding liabilities and capital credits, distribution shall be made without priority to the member and former members in the proportion which the patronage of each member or former member from and after January 1, 1984, bears to the total patronage of all members from and after such date, to the date of such dissolution. A plan of distribution of excess capital prior to dissolution shall be set forth in the corporation's By-Laws. (See attached Certificate of Amendment)

#### **AMENDED ARTICLE XII**

The corporation intends to be an organization described in Section 501 (c) (12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title 26 to the United States Code. (See attached Certificate of Amendment)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made and subscribed these  
Articles of Incorporation, this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 1964.

Bart Hockrein (SEAL)  
Bart Hockrein

Robert H Whidden (SEAL)  
Robert Whidden

Harry Byrd Kline (SEAL)  
Harry Byrd Kline

U. Curry Walton (SEAL)  
U. Curry Walton

A. J. Pappalardo (SEAL)  
A. J. Pappalardo

STATE OF FLORIDA)  
COUNTY OF LEE )

Be it remembered that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1964,  
personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the  
State of Florida, BART HOCKREIN, ROBERT WHIDDEN, HARRY BYRD KLINE,  
U. CURRY WALTON, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ known to me personally to be  
the individuals who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorpora-  
tion and acknowledged that they executed said Articles of Incor-  
poration as the act and deed of the signers, respectively, and the  
facts therein stated are truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

(Seal)

Fred H. Mellor  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires Oct 17-1966.



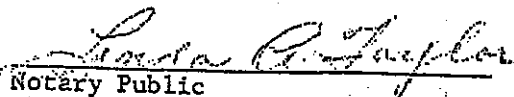
FRED H. MELLOR  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
POST OFFICE BOX 1431  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of June,  
1964, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for  
the State of Massachusetts, A. J. PAPPALARDO, known to me person-  
ally to be the individual, who with others, executed the foregoing  
Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged that he executed  
said Articles of Incorporation.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

(Notary Seal)

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Nov. 15, 1969

FRED H. MELLOR  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1ST OFFICE BOX 1421  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

# STATE OF FLORIDA

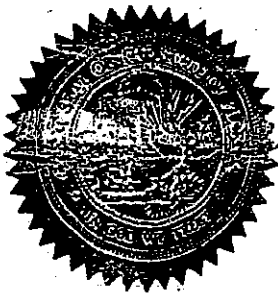
DEPARTMENT OF STATE



I, RICHARD (DICK) STONE, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of  
Certificate of Incorporation of GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, a corporation not for profit organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, filed on the 2nd day of July, A. D., 1964 and Certificate of Amendment amending ARTICLE VI, filed on the 10th day of February, A. D., 1967, as shown by the records of this office.

AMENDMENT  
ARTICLE VI

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors of not less than three nor more than nine members. The number of directors shall be determined by the by-laws. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members for such term or terms of office as shall be provided in the by-laws.



GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the 4th day of December, A.D., 19 73.

*Richard (Dick) Stone*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

# STATE OF FLORIDA

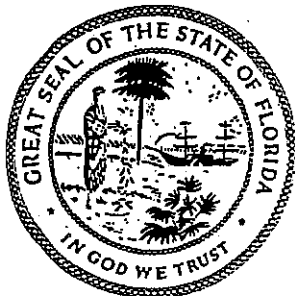
## DEPARTMENT OF STATE • DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of

Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation  
of GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC., a corporation  
organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on  
the 11th day of July, 1977, as shown by the records of this  
office.

AMENDMENT  
Article XII

Upon retirement of all outstanding indebtedness of the  
Corporation, the ownership shall revert to Lee County,  
a political subdivision of the State of Florida.



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GIVEN under my hand and the Great  
Seal of the State of Florida, at  
Tallahassee, the Capital, this the  
12th day of July  
1977 .

*Bruce C. Smith*

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SECRETARY OF STATE



# State of Florida

DEPARTMENT OF STATE • DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of  
Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of GREATER  
PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED,  
a Florida corporation not for profit, filed on May 12,  
1978, as shown by the records of this office.

The charter number of this corporation is 707525.

AMENDMENT TO  
ARTICLE XI

The assets and income of this non-profit corporation shall be utilized to promote its purposes. No salaries or fees shall be paid to the directors or officers of this Corporation, but nothing herein shall prevent the hiring of employees or engaging of others to perform services for the Corporation or to prevent the re-imbursement of any person who makes outlays for reasonable expenses of the Corporation. In the event that this Corporation should be dissolved, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to its current members.



GIVEN under my hand and the Great

Seal of the State of Florida, at

Tallahassee, the Capital, this the

15th day of May, 1978.

*Gene A. Smathers*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

# State of Florida

DEPARTMENT OF STATE • DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of  
Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of THE  
GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC., a  
Florida corporation not for profit, filed on August 16,  
1978, as shown by the records of this office.

The charter number of this corporation is 707525.

#### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI

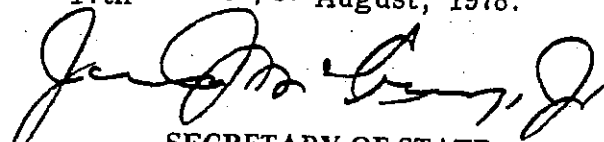
The assets and income of this non-profit corporation shall be utilized to promote its purposes. No salaries or fee shall be paid to the directors or officers of this corporation, but nothing herein shall prevent the hiring of employees or engaging of others to perform services for the corporation or to prevent the reimbursement of any person who makes outlays for reasonable expenses of the corporation. In the event that this corporation should be dissolved, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to its active and inactive members.

#### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII

Upon retirement of all outstanding indebtedness of the corporation, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to its active and inactive members. The said active and inactive members so receiving the assets of said corporation shall immediately thereafter transfer said assets of the corporation to Lee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, without charge. All members accept this provision as a qualification for membership.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great  
Seal of the State of Florida, at  
Tallahassee, the Capital, this the

17th day of August, 1978.

  
SECRETARY OF STATE



# State of Florida



## Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Amendment, filed on March 22, 1995, to Articles of Incorporation for GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, a Florida corporation, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is 707525.

Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of Florida,  
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the  
Twenty-fourth day of March, 1995



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*Sandra B. Northam*

Sandra B. Northam  
Secretary of State

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**  
to  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
of

GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.*

**FIRST:** Amendment(s) adopted: (indicate article number(s) being amended, added or deleted.)

See Attached

**SECOND:** The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: February 1995

**THIRD:** Adoption of Amendment (check one)

X

The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.

GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Corporation Name

  
Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

Walter J. Hoyt

Typed or printed name

Treasurer

March 15, 1995

Title

Date

## ARTICLE II

The nature of the business of the corporation and the objects and purposes for which it is organized are:

A. To construct, maintain, and operate a water system for the supplying of water for domestic, commercial, agricultural, industrial, and other purposes to its members and to engage in any activity related thereto, including but not limited to the acquisition of water by appropriation, drilling, pumping, and/or purchase, and the purchase, laying, institution, operation, maintenance, and repair of wells, pumping equipment, water mains, pipelines, valves, meters, and all other equipment necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of a water system, and

B. To construct, maintain, and operate a sewage disposal system for the use and benefit of its members.

## ARTICLE III

The members of the corporation shall be the subscribers hereto and all other persons, partnerships, corporations, or other legal entities having a reasonable accessibility to the sources of and who desire to have water and other services supplied for domestic, commercial, agricultural, industrial, or other uses from the systems constructed, maintained, and operated by the corporation. The corporation shall not be required to admit additional members if the capacity of its water system is exhausted by the needs of its existing members.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

August 24, 1998

CHRISTOPHER DOHME  
5281 PINE ISLAND ROAD  
BOKEELIA, FL 33922

Re: Document Number 707525

The Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, a Florida corporation, were filed on August 17, 1998.

The certification requested is enclosed.

Should you have any question regarding this matter, please telephone (850) 487-6050, the Amendment Filing Section.

Carol Mustain  
Corporate Specialist  
Division of Corporations

Letter Number: 498A00043788

# State of Florida



## Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Amendment, filed on August 17, 1998, to Articles of Incorporation for GREATER PINE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, a Florida corporation, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is 707525.

Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of Florida  
at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this the  
Twenty-fourth day of August, 1998



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*Sandra B. Northam*

Sandra B. Northam  
Secretary of State

# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

to

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

Greater Pine Island Water Association, Inc.

(present name)

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

FIRST: Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER(S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

Article XII:

The corporation intends to be an organization described in Section 501 (c) (12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Title 26 to the United States Code.

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SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: July 28, 1998

THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)

- ☒ The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.

Greater Pine Island Water Association, Inc.

Corporation Name

Jack H. Masters  
Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

Jack H. Masters

Typed or printed name

President

Title

August 7, 1998

Date



## ARTICLE XI

The assets and income of this non-profit corporation shall be utilized to promote its purposes. No salaries or fee shall be paid to the directors or officers of this corporation, but nothing herein shall prevent the hiring of employees or engaging of others to perform services for the corporation or to prevent the reimbursement of any person who makes outlays for reasonable expenses of the corporation. In the event of dissolution or liquidation, either voluntarily or pursuant to order of a court of competent jurisdiction, and after the payment of all outstanding liabilities, each member shall be repaid capital credits without priority on a pro rata basis to the extent assets are available to make such payments. To the extent that assets remain following payment of all outstanding liabilities and capital credits, distribution shall be made without priority to the members and former members in the proportion which the patronage of each member or former member from and after January 1, 1984, bears to the total patronage of all members from and after such date, to the date of such dissolution. A plan of distribution of excess capital prior to dissolution shall be set forth in the corporation's By-laws.