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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

We, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together for the forming of an association not for profit for the purpose of conducting and operating public fairs or expositions for the benefit and development of agriculture, horticulture, livestock, and other resources of the State and of Hernando County, Florida, in particular, under the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be " HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC."; and its principal office shall be located at Brooksville, Florida.

ARTICLE II

The general nature of the objects and powers of this corporation shall be:

(a) To conduct and carry on fairs and expositions for the purpose of acquainting the public generally with the agricultural, ~~horticultural accomplishments and opportunities of the State of~~ Florida and Hernando County.

(c) To conduct fairs and expositions of stock and poultry of all kinds, of all manufactured and processed articles, and of farming and agricultural articles or products and all other matters related or pertaining thereto.

(c) To offer and give prizes in competition in various classifications as might be determined.

(d) To sponsor, conduct, and carry on expositions in the Florida State Fair at Tampa or any other fair or exhibit conducted outside of Hernando County.

(e) To carry on and conduct contests between various classifications as might be determined by the Board of Directors to create interest or competition in the raising of livestock of all kinds and in all other farming, agricultural or horticultural pursuits.

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Clerk Circuit Court, Hernando County, Florida

By Connie Mae Gray D.C.

Exhibit 3

(f) To conduct rodeos, horse racing, auto races, and other activities which are desired for the purpose of creating, maintaining, or promoting interest in all lines of agricultural and horticultural pursuits, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall in any wise be construed as authorizing the maintaining and operation of parimutual betting or other forms of legalized betting at such affairs.

(g) To charge admission to any enterprise which might be carried on, conducted, or sponsored by this association.

(h) To regulate and have control of all applications that might be made for the purpose of exhibits, amusement booths, or other commercial enterprise operated for profit by others other than this association.

ARTICLE III

The qualifications of the members of this association shall be that they shall either be residents and citizens of Hernando County, Florida, or that they be the owners of real property located within Hernando County, Florida, and engaged in or connected with agricultural or horticultural activities within the County. That they shall be elected to membership by the Board of Directors of this association. Provided, however, that the Board of Directors may provide upon such terms as they may determine for ex-officio membership in this association by persons, firms, or corporations not possessing any of the above qualifications. That the period of membership shall be for a period of one year.

ARTICLE IV

That this corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

The name and residence of the subscribers of this charter, they being the charter members of this association, shall be as follows:

Adrian Bell	Brooksville, Florida
J. C. Emerson, Jr.	Brooksville, Florida

Jack Sullivan	Brooksville, Florida
Leslie E. Lewis	Brooksville, Florida
R. R. Lingle, Sr.,	Brooksville, Florida
Cecil D. Davis	Brooksville, Florida
W. E. Oxley	Brooksville, Florida
Erle McGough	Brooksville, Florida
J. H. Alison	Brooksville, Florida
Munger Russell	Brooksville, Florida
Mrs. J. M. Weeks	Brooksville, Florida
Leon Whitehurst	Brooksville, Florida
D. O. Koon	Brooksville, Florida
J. H. Boyd	Brooksville, Florida
Frank James	Brooksville, Florida
C. H. Emerson	Brooksville, Florida
Sam M. Loftin	Brooksville, Florida
John J. Bell	Brooksville, Florida
C. J. Whatley	Brooksville, Florida
Herbert Reese	Brooksville, Florida
C. E. Hines	Brooksville, Florida
R. W. Underwood	Brooksville, Florida
Mary BelleRogers	Brooksville, Florida
J. Alvin Thompson	Brooksville, Florida
John M. Hilburn	Brooksville, Florida
O. V. Emerson	Brooksville, Florida
E. M. Williams	Brooksville, Florida
W. Howard Smith	Brooksville, Florida
George Dunlap	Brooksville, Florida
Nick Maillis	Brooksville, Florida
J. W. McKethan	Brooksville, Florida
Mrs. Mary Beville	Brooksville, Florida
John D. Law	Brooksville, Florida
Mack Nunn	Brooksville, Florida
O. S. Sanders,	Gainesville, Florida

W. P. Murphy	Brooksville, Florida
Jim Brooks	Brooksville, Florida
L. B. Lee	Brooksville, Florida
J. M. Mason	Brooksville, Florida
James Smith	Brooksville, Florida
Louis Bono	Brooksville, Florida
Alfred A. McKethan	Brooksville, Florida
W. L. McGee	Brooksville, Florida
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ARTICLE VI

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors to be determined at the annual meeting of the membership hereof and that they shall serve for a period of one year. That the Board of Directors shall be composed of such number as the membership hereof may determine, provided that it shall be not less than three nor more than fifteen and that they shall be elected by the membership at each annual meeting thereof. That at least two of the Board of Directors shall be members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County. That the said Board of Directors shall elect from their members a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, but the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the same person. That the annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held the first Tuesday in April of each year. That they may also elect an officer to be known as "Manager", who may be a member of the Board of Directors but who need not be a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

That the names of the officers who are to manage the affairs of this corporation until the first election or appointment under the

charter shall be:

President J. C. Emerson, Jr.

Vice-President George Dunlap

Secretary-Treasurer Mary Belle Rogers

ARTICLE VIII

That the By-laws of this corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by the membership at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

That the amount of indebtedness or liability to which it may at any time subject itself shall be the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00).

ARTICLE X

That it may from time to time purchase real or personal property and that any mortgage or indebtedness existing for the unpaid purchase price thereof shall not be included within the Twenty- five Thousand Dollar ($25,000.00) limitation as provided in the preceding article.

ARTICLE XI

That the Board of Directors may from time to time determine the amount of membership fees or dues to be charged for membership herein or may, at its discretion, provide that no membership fees or dues shall be charged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned, have hereunto set our respective hands and seals as of this the 22nd day of February, 1954.

Mary M. Rogers (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

Mary Belle Rogers (SEAL)

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James M. Smith (SEAL)
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D. C. Burson Jr. (SEAL)
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Orien W. Bell (SEAL)
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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HERNANDO

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this day before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid, to take acknowledgments, personally appeared J. C. Emerson, Jr., George O. Dunlap and Mary Belle Rogers, being thereunto duly authorized, and all of them being known to me and known to be three of the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed, and depose and say that the sole object of the Hernando County Fair Association Inc. is to be of public service as set out in the attached charter and further say that the available assets for the said fair association in money and property exceeds the value of Five Thousand ($5000.00) Dollars, and that it is intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and objects set out in the above charter.

J. C. Emerson Jr.

Geo. O. Dunlap

Mary Belle Rogers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of February 1954.

Eloise M Ryan
NOTARY PUBLIC

ELOISE M RYAN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

My Commission expires Sept. 10, 1954

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation of the Hernando County Fair Association, Inc., has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida for approval; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that said proposed Charter is in accordance with Chapter 616 F.S.A.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida hereby approves said proposed Charter of the Hernando County Fair Association, Inc. as same seems to conform to Section 616 F.S.A.

Members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida.

LEAMON Q. VARN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Hernando County, Florida.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY.

APPLICATION OF CHART FOR HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

This cause coming on this day to be held upon the application of the Hernando County Fair Association, Inc. in accordance with the statutes of the State of Florida applicable thereto and it appearing to the Court that the agreement to incorporate was presented to the Board of County commissioners of Hernando County, Florida on the 1st day of February, 1954, and that the said Board of County Commissioners approved the said charter and the further appearing to the court that the said charter was on the said 15th day of February, 1954, filed with Leamon Q. Varn as clerk of this court where it remained available for inspection by all who desired to inspect the same and it further appearing to the court that the notice for the issuance for the charter was published in the Brooksville Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in Hernando County, Florida, in the issues of Feb. 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 1954 ~~and that the first publication was more than thirty (30) days~~ before the application for this charter and the court having seen and inspected the said application for charter and finding that it complies in all respects with the statutes relative thereto and that all of the legal requirements for the issuance of said charter have been complied with and there being no objections made or filed to the issuance thereof and the Court being advised in the premises upon consideration of all which it is

ADJUDGED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST: That all of the requirements as provided by the statutes of the state of Florida for the issuance of a charter for a fair association have been fully and properly complied with in the application for the issuance of the charter for the Hernando County Fair Association, Inc.

SECOND: That a group to be called and known by the name of Hernando County Fair Association, Inc. be, and the same is hereby, now organized and created and that the agreement to incorporate this day presented to this Court signed by Adrian Bell and others shall be adopted as the charter for the said group and that all of the terms and conditions in said agreement be and they are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

DONE AND ORDERED at Brooksville, Florida, this the 19th day of March, A.D. 1954.

E. R. Carter
Circuit Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CHARTER OF HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned incorporators will apply to one of the Judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida on the 16th day of March, 1954, or as soon thereafter as they can be heard, for a Charter pursuant to Chapter 616, F.S.A. for the purpose of conducting and operating public fairs or exhibitions, for the benefit and development of the agriculture, horticulture, live stock and other resources of Hernando County and the State of Florida.

Adrian Bell, J. C. Emerson, Jr., Jack Sullivan, Leslie E. Lewis, R. R. Lingle, Sr., Cecil D. Davis, W. E. Oxley, Erle McGough, J. H. Alison, Mounger Russell, Mrs. J. M. Weeks, Leon Whitehurst, D. O. Koon, J. H. Boyd, Frank James, C. M. Emerson, Sam M. Loftin, John J. Bell, C. J. Whatley, Herbert Reese, C. E. Hines, R. W. Underwood, Mary Belle Rogers, J. Alvin Thompson, John M. Hilburn, O. V. Emerson, E. M. Williams, W. Howard Smith, George Dunlap, Nick Mallis, J. W. McKethan, Mrs. Mary Beville, John D. Law, Mack Nunn, O. S. Sanders, W. P. Murphy, Jim Brooks, L. B. Lee, J. M. Mason, James Smith, Louis Bono, Alfred A. McKethan, W. L. McGee.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HERNANDO

On this day personally appeared before me E. R. Russell to me well known, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the Brooksville Journal, a newspaper published in the City of Brooksville, County of Hernando and State of Florida; that said newspaper has been continuously published in Hernando County, Florida, at least once each week and also has been entered as second-class mail matter at the Postoffice in the City of Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first insertion of the attached legal notice or process; that said newspaper has been published in accordance with Chapter 14830, General Laws of Florida, and all provisions of said Statute have been complied with; that the attached legal notice or process was published in said newspaper once each week for a period of 4 weeks, to-wit: in the issues of said newspaper published on Feb. 11, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 1954

E. R. Russell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of March A. D. 19 54

Leamon D. Carr
Clerk Circuit Court, Hernando County, Florida.

By Carrie Mae Seay Deputy Clerk