

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WCCOLA)

The undersigned incorporator(s), is an (are) a natural person 18 years of age or older, in order to form a corporate entity under the provisions of the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317A, adopts the following articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The Name of this corporation shall be Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WCCOLA).

ARTICLE II
REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The place in Minnesota where the principle office of the corporation is to be located at **1607 Hansack Avenue, North East. Saint Michael, MN 55376.**

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Purpose of this corporation is:

- recommend, promote, and provide an educational resource for local management practices for preserving and protecting the lakes of Wright County, Minnesota;
- to identify environmental issues affecting Wright County lakes and disseminate information regarding these issues to associations, local units of government, and the general public,
- to promote and advance the common goal of preservation and enhancement of Wright County Lakes, rivers, wetlands and ground water,
- assist lake associations in organizational matters, and assist in the formation of new lake associations, and

- assemble and express consensus viewpoints of lake associations to government officials, private organizations and the general public.

ARTICLE IIIV EXPEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments sand distributions in the furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2), of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have members. The eligibility, rights and obligations of members will be determined by organizational bylaws.

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporations' bylaws. No director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The number of directors constituted the initial boardvof directors is five (5); their names and addresses are as follows:

Brian Hall, 1607 Hansack Ave. NE, Saint Michael, MN 55376

Bradley Longtin, 9180 Eden Prairie Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Curt Forst, 5345 County Road 6 SW, Howard Lake, MN 55349

Don Peterson, 319 Wayside Road W, Hopkins, MN 55343

Gary Schmidt, 562 101st Street NW, Monticello, MN 55362

**ARTICLE VI
PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VII
DISSOLUTION**

The duration of the corporation existence shall be perpetual until dissolution.

Upon the time of dissolution of the organization, assets of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose.

**ARTICLE VIII
INCORPORATOR**

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned hereunto subscribe our names for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota and certify we execute these Articles of Incorporation this October 5, 2011.

The incorporator(s) of this corporation is (are):

Curt Forst, 5345 County Road 6 S.W., Howard Lake, MN 55349

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