# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION CHRISTIAN COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH, IN 12/23/2024 3:01 PM

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Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 14A and KRS 273, the undersigned nonprofit corporation adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of the corporation is Christian County Cowboy Church, Inc.

## ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

Religious and charitable purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding Section of any future United States Internal Revenue law), including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

The Corporation shall promote, encourage, foster and engage in the dissemination of religious and moral teaching and instruction for the support of public and worldwide worship in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Bible, through all legitimate means.

In general, to do any and all acts and things, and to exercise any and all powers which now or hereafter are lawful for the corporation to do or exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Kentucky for the purpose of accomplishing any of the purposes of the corporation.

The purposes for which this corporation is organized shall be limited to those which are strictly charitable. In no event shall this corporation engage in any activity which would be contrary to the purposes and activities: (1) permitted to be engaged in by any organization the activities of which are exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (2) of a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under § 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations of thereunder.

The corporation shall not engage, nor shall any of its funds, property, or income be used in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence

legislation, nor shall the corporation participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall the corporation engage in subversive activities.

The corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business as defined in § 513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

No compensation shall be paid to any member, officer, director, trustee, creator, or organizer of the corporation or substantial contributor to it except as a reasonable allowance for services actually rendered to or for the corporation.

The corporation is organized to serve public interests. Accordingly, it shall not be operated for the benefit of private interests.

### ARTICLE III- REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the registered agent is Mike Barbee and the street address of the corporation's initial registered office in Kentucky is 415 Bennettstown Road, Herndon, Kentucky 42236.

### ARTICLE IV- PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The mailing address of the corporation's principal office is 415 Bennettstown Road, Herndon, Kentucky 42236.

#### ARTICLE V-POWERS

The corporation shall have all the powers granted to not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Kentucky which are necessary or convenient to effect any and all purposes for which the corporation is organized. In no event, however, shall the corporation have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder; nor shall the corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

# ARTICLE VI- MEMBERS

Any individual may become a member of The Christian County Cowboy Church, Inc. regardless of race of nationality. To attain membership as individual must subscribe to the teachings of the New Testament in both form and practice. This includes believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, repenting of prior sins, being baptized into Christ and continuing to accept Jesus Christ as the Lord of one's life.

A Member shall automatically cease to be a Member of the corporation when he or she ceases to be actively involved in the work and worship of The Christian County Cowboy Church for any reason.

# ARTICLE VII- TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE VIII- OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than four (4) members. The number of Directors shall be fixed in the By-Laws of this corporation. Annual elections will be held by the Board of Directors.

The officers of the corporation shall be selected from the Board of Directors and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer shall serve for a term of one (1) year, beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month immediately following his or her election by a majority of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Officers may be re-elected to serve subsequent terms. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors or in any office for any reason, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for unexpired term.

# ARTICLE IX- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors shall be four (4).

The name and mailing address of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- 1. Mike Barbee; 415 Bennettstown Road, Herndon, Kentucky 42236.
- 2. Kevin Atwood; P.O. Box 147, Cadiz, Kentucky 42211

- 3. Tim Fleming; P.O. Box 312, Pembroke, Kentucky 42266
- 4. Carey Covington; 9440 Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

### ARTICLE X- INCORPORATORS

The name and mailing address of the incorporators are as follows:

- 1. Mike Barbee; 415 Bennettstown Road, Herndon, Kentucky 42236.
- 2. Kevin Atwood; P.O. Box 147, Cadiz, Kentucky 42211
- 3. Tim Fleming; P.O. Box 312, Pembroke, Kentucky 42266
- 4. Carey Covington; 9440 Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

### ARTICLE XI- BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation shall be initially approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and thereafter may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or a majority vote of the Members at the annual meeting of the Directors or the Members or at a duly called meeting of the Directors or the Members in accordance with the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE XII- AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

This non-profit corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in theseArticles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto. Said amendment shall be proposed either by (a petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the congregation and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the general membership of the congregation or (b) by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Congregation and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the general membership of the congregation. No amendment shall be allowed which would in any way jeopardize the corporation's tax exemption under § 501 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code or its successors.

### ARTICLE XIII- DISSOLUTION

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to (or organizations) that is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and is tax exempt under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder. That organization shall be proposed either by (a) petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the congregation and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the general membership of the Congregation or (b) by a majority vote of the general membership of the Congregation. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of a private individual.

I, Mike Barbee, consent to serve as the registered agent on behalf of the corporation.

Mike Barbee, Incorporator 415 Bennettstown Road, Herndon, Kentucky 42236.

Executed by the Incorporators on December <u>20</u>, 2024.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH, INC.

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Mike Barbee, Incorporator

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I, Carey Covington, consent to serve as an incorporator on behalf of the corporation.

Carey Covington, Incorporator 9440 Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

This Instrument was prepared by:

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