

1 **Pelican Lakes Association of Crow Wing County, INC.**

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4 **By-Laws**

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6 **Article I – Name**

7 **Section 1** Name: Pelican Lakes Association of Crow Wing County, INC., also known as PLA.

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9 **Section 2** Not For Profit: The organization is incorporated under Chapter 317A, Non-Profit
10 Corporation Law of 1989, of the State of Minnesota and organized exclusively for charitable,
11 educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the
12 Internal Revenue Code.

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14 **Article II – Objectives**

15 **Section 1** Mission Statement: PLA is established to represent the common interests of its
16 members, and to provide educational support for the benefit of the Pelican and Little Pelican
17 Lakes community in Crow Wing County, Minnesota.

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19 **Section 2** Primary Objective: PLA is dedicated to maintaining the environmental health of the
20 Pelican Lakes.

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22 **Section 3** Education: PLA educates residents on best practice methods for a healthy lake
23 environment, promotes natural shoreline management, and shares pertinent information through
24 newsletters, our website, and public meetings.

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28 **Article III – Membership**

29 **Section 1** Membership is open to owners of shore land property on either Pelican or Little
30 Pelican Lake in Crow Wing County as well as others with a strong interest in the preservation of
31 these lakes whether owners or not.

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Section 2 Voting privileges extend only to members whose dues are current.

Section 3 A voting member shall not have more than one vote regardless of the number or kinds of properties owned.

Article IV – Board of Directors

Section 1 The property and business of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors of not less than seven (7) or more than thirteen (13) persons who must be members in good standing. A majority of the board members must be property owners on either Pelican Lake or Little Pelican Lake. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the membership by a majority vote. Each director shall serve for two (2) years.

Section 2 Any vacancy in the Board of Directors may be filled by affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining directors or by election at a meeting of the membership. A director who is elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the un-expired term of his/her predecessor.

Section 3 The Board of Directors shall have the power to do all lawful acts necessary and expedient to conduct the business of the Association.

Section 4 The Board of Directors shall meet within 30 days following the Annual Meeting of the membership to elect the officers for the ensuing year. Regular meetings shall be held at places, dates, and times established by the Board

Article V – Membership Meetings

Section 1 There shall be an annual meeting called by the Board of Directors during the period June through August of each year.

Section 2 Notice of the meeting shall be sent to each member by regular mail at the last address on record at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

63 **Section 3** Actions of the majority of members present and voting at any meeting shall constitute
64 actions of the membership as a whole.

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66 **Section 4** A voting member may be represented by a proxy at any meeting of the Association.

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68 **Section 5** Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time on the request of the
69 President, Vice President , majority of the Board of Directors, or upon written request of at least
70 twenty (20) percent of the membership of the Association. Notice of any special meeting shall
71 be given as set forth in Article I V, Section 2, of the By-Laws.

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73 **Section 6** Any business, which could be conducted by the members at an annual or special
74 meeting, may be done in writing. If this method of conducting business is to be used, all voting
75 members must be contacted by regular mail at their last addresses of record at least 21 days prior
76 to any vote to enable them to cast their votes by mail. A majority of the members responding
77 shall allow the business thus conducted to be valid.

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Article VI – Funding

82 **Section 1** Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and are payable on
83 an annual basis. The membership year extends from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

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85 **Section 2** The Board of Directors may also solicit contributions from members and others if
86 special needs for additional funds arise.

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88 **Section 3** The Board of Directors may accept gifts or grants on behalf of the corporation from
89 private or public sources. The Board of Directors may not accept gifts for personal use.

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91 **Section 4** The Association may, subject to applicable laws and regulations, own, lease, or sell
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Article VII – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended in the manner provided by Minnesota statutes.

Article VIII – Officers

Section 1 The Board of Directors at its first meeting after each Annual Meeting of the membership, shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, from its own number each of whom must be a member of the Association.

Section 2 The Board of Directors may appoint other officers from Association members as necessary. These officers will exercise powers and perform duties as determined by the Board.

Section 3 The officers of the Association shall hold office for one year or until qualified successors are chosen. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative written vote of a majority of the Board of Directors

Section 4 If the office of any officer becomes vacant by reasons of death, resignation, retirement, removal from office, or otherwise, the Board of Directors, by majority vote, may chose a successor who shall hold office for the un-expired term of the preceding officer.

Article IX - Fiscal Year

The Fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable at the beginning of each Fiscal Year.

Article X – Annual Statement

122 The Board of Directors shall, at each annual Meeting, and when called for by a majority vote of
123 the members, present a full and clear statement of the financial condition of the Association and
124 a summary report of its activities during the preceding year.

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126 Adopted by action of the Board of Directors

127 Dated: December 2, 1983

128 Signed by Ralph Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

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130 Amended by action of the Board of Directors

131 Dated: June 4, 2005

132 Approved by vote of membership at annual meeting

133 Dated: July 9, 2005

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135 The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the by-laws of the Pelican
136 Lakes Property Owners Association of Crow Wing County.

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138 Glen Gustafson, President

139 Joe Hampl, Secretary

140 Amended by action of the Board of Directors

141 Dated: June 19, 2009

142 Approved by vote of membership at annual meeting

143 Dated: July 18, 2009

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145 Signed by Joan Mondale, President

146 Jodi Eberhardt, Secretary