



Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition

Articles of Incorporation

ARTICLE I: – NAME

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be NEBRASKA GRAZING LANDS COALITION.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES

Section 1: Purpose

The Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition is organized for the enhancement of tribally and privately owned grasslands and grazing lands in the state of Nebraska.

Section 2: Objectives

The objectives of this organization are to:

1. Stimulate, encourage and seek assistance to conserve and improve tribal and private grasslands and grazing lands.
2. Coordinate assistance to grazing lands managers with cooperation from colleges, universities, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies.
3. Promote stronger understanding of the value of grasslands and grazing lands as part of our environment, our communities, and our economy.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership

Membership in the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition is open to all cooperators who have a constructive interest in, own or manage the welfare of Nebraska grasslands and grazing lands. NGLC Council, Executive Committee, and Officers will be composed as designated in the organization by-laws.

Section 2: Other Interested Parties

Other interested parties interested in fulfilling the organizations purpose and objectives may attend organization meetings with voice but no vote in matters.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings

The Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition will hold regularly scheduled meetings each year as prescribed in the organization's by-laws.

Section 2. Voting

Voting decisions shall be decided by simple majority of those members engaged in the meeting or by written proxy vote.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee

The NGLC Executive Committee shall consist of the organization's officers (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Chairpersons and the Coordinator) but the Coordinator will not vote on issues affecting that position.

Section 2. Other Committees

Other standing, ad-hoc and project committees will be established as per organization by-laws.

ARTICLE VI – POLICY FORMULATION and AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Operational Policy

Policy for general operation will be guided throughout each year by the Executive Committee with input from membership and advisors.

Section 2. Organizational Policy.

- a. Article Changes – Changes in the organizational articles will be made by a 2/3 vote of all members present at the Annual Meeting after being distributed a minimum of 60 days in advance to all known members and disseminated to the public.
- b. By-Law Changes – Changes to the organization by-laws can be made by a majority vote at the Fiscal Meeting so long as dissemination of the proposed changes has been provided to members and the public via public notice 30 days in advance of the Fiscal Meeting.
- c. Policy Formulation – Formulation of policy shall be conducted within the guidelines set forth in the organization by-laws.

ARTICLE VII – BUDGET

Section 1. – Budget Preparation

The Executive Committee will draft Annual Budget for presentation and acceptance at the Fiscal Meeting.

Section 2. – Fiscal Audit

The Executive Committee will arrange a fiscal audit to be conducted each year by an objective and qualified entity, which will be presented to the general membership at the Fiscal Meeting.

Section 3 – Funding

The NGLC program and operational efforts will be funded by a variety of fiscal streams including donations, grants and collaborative efforts.

ARTICLE VIII – REPORTS

Section 1. Reports.

An Annual Report will delivered to the general membership each year at the Fiscal Meeting by the Chairman, the Chairman's designee or the Coordinator. Additional project reports may be generated by the Executive Committees or its designees as needs arise.

ARTICLE IX – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the NGLC shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Section 2. Non-Liability

All officers, members, advisors, committee chairs, Coordinators of this organization shall be exempt from debts or actions of the organization. If this limitation of liability is too broad, then the above provision shall be enforced to this fullest extent as provided by law.

Section 3. Publishing

The Council may authorize the publishing of papers and periodicals as deemed necessary and appropriate.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be amended by a 2/3 vote of council members present at two meetings, the designated Annual Meeting (usually held in late fall) and a meeting held no more than 90 days prior to the designated Annual Meeting. All amendments to the Articles will be recorded with the State of Nebraska.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, the Council shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the organization, dispose of the assets of the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition to an organization, or organizations, as voted on by the Council as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under the United States Internal Revenue Law current at the time. Any such assets not so disposed of will be disposed of by the appropriate Court of the County in which the principle assets are then located.

Approval verified by:

Chairman, NGLC Executive Committee

Witness