

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

To further common purposes, the undersigned members agree to organize under these Articles of Association:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Association shall be: ASSOCIATED DITCHES

ARTICLE II

Principal Office

The principal office of the Association shall be at the office building of The Garden City Company, West St. John, Garden City, Kansas. The Association may have such other offices as may from time to time be designated by its members.

ARTICLE III

Purposes

1. To combine the efforts of the members in promoting and protecting their interests in the diversion, transportation, delivery and use of water for irrigation and other beneficial use.
2. To gather and disseminate information concerning the application of water for irrigation in an efficient and economical manner and with the least possible waste.
3. To cooperate with the other ditches in Southwest Kansas and with the State agencies involved in the orderly distribution and rotation of water for beneficial use.
4. To do all things which they may deem necessary or expedient to further the joint interests of its members.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

The membership of this Association shall be the following ditch companies:

The Kearny County Farmers Irrigation Association  
The South Side Ditch Association  
Great Eastern Irrigation Association  
Finney County Water Users Association  
The Garden City Ditch Company.

ARTICLE V

Dues

Such dues as from time to time shall be deemed necessary shall be fixed by a majority vote of the members. Dues shall be determined as to each ditch in the following proportion:

	<u>Water Rights</u>		<u>Percentage Toward Expense</u>
Amazon	3,000 ft.	=	19.05%
South Side	3,000 ft.	=	19.05%
Great Eastern	5,312 ft.	=	33.73%
Finney County Water Users	3,937 ft.	=	25.00%
G. C. Ditch	<u>500</u> ft.	=	<u>3.17%</u>
Total	<u>15,749</u> ft.	=	<u>100.00%</u>

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

A. The Association shall meet on the last Wednesday of January in each year. Such other call meetings shall be held from time to time as the business of the Association shall require on call of the President. Notice of such meetings shall be given to the Secretary of each member by mailing such notice at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Such notices may be waived by said presidents in writing. The purpose of said meeting shall be stated in said notice except in case of the annual meeting.

B. A majority of the members of this Association, when present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum and in case there is less than this number, the presiding officer may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Officers and Committees

The elective officers of the Association shall be a president and a vice-president. Each officer shall have the duties customarily appurtenant to such office. The president of each ditch, or his alternate, shall, as relates to the Association, be the alter ego of his ditch company and shall represent it and attend all meetings of the Association and vote for it in all matters coming before said Association meeting. Each ditch may designate an alternate at any time to act in the stead of said president and in case he so acts all provisions herein relating to the president shall apply to him. All offices of the Association except the secretary-treasurer, shall hold office until the next annual meeting at which time their successors shall be elected. The secretary-treasurer shall be appointed by the president of the Association. Any decision made by the Association shall be binding upon each member unless a written protest is filed by at least one of said members within 10 days after receipt of the minutes of the meeting in which said decision is voted upon and passed. The secretary shall, 48 hours after the adjournment of said meeting, mail a copy of said minutes to each member. Should such protest be filed by one or more members such protested decision shall cease to be effective or have any force but shall be considered void for all purposes.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Amendments to Articles

These Articles may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

By-Laws

By-Laws may be enacted at any future time deemed desirable.

These Articles have been duly adopted by each of the signatory companies, each of which have authorized the same to be signed by its president and attested by its secretary, and each has caused its corporate seal to be affixed thereto.

THE KEARNY COUNTY FARMERS  
IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION

By: C. W. Schuurman  
President

ATTEST:

Josephine Walker  
Secretary

THE SOUTH SIDE DITCH ASSOCIATION

By: L. R. Pope  
President

ATTEST:

M. J. Baker  
Secretary

GREAT EASTERN IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION

By: W. H. Stebbins  
President

ATTEST:

Jean Nelson  
Secretary

THE FINNEY COUNTY WATER USERS  
ASSOCIATION

By: John H. Hawk  
President

ATTEST:

Frank G. Light  
Secretary

THE GARDEN CITY DITCH COMPANY

By: Charles P. Jones  
President

ATTEST:

Henry B. West  
Secretary