

Texas



Western Surety Company

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Lubbock } SS

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 71952541

That we, Mark James Hocker, as Principal, and
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held
and bound unto Lubbock County Treasurer, his successors in office,

in the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$250,000.00),
for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by
these presents.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2023.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on
the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected
(Elected—Appointed)
to the office of County Court at Law #1 Judge in and for Lubbock County, State of Texas, for
a term of Four year s commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of
him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall ⁴

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all
the duties required of the office and the duties required of him by law AND ESTATE CODES
as the aforesaid officer, and shall pay all money that comes into his hands as County
Court at Law Judge #1.

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of
claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate
liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above.
Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to
whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall
terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Mark James Hocker Principal
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
By Larry Kasten
Larry Kasten, Vice President

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls,
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One County Court at Law #1 Judge County of Lubbock

bond with bond number 71952541

for Mark James Hocker

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 250,000.00.

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 6th day of October, 2023.

ATTEST

L. Bauder

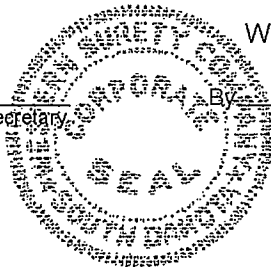
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten

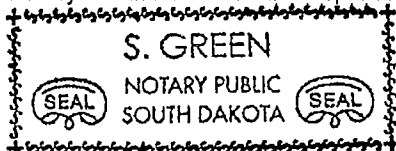
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss



On this 6th day of October, 2023, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green

Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

To validate bond authenticity, go to www.cnasurety.com > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

