

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 142360539

Western Surety Company to State of North Dakota  
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Bottineau Farmers Elevator Company, Bottineau, ND  
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1999.

Effective 1st day of August, 2004.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby  
 INCREASED  DECREASED

From:

Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$ 510,000 )

To:

Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 525,000 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 14th day of July, 2004.

Bottineau Farmers Elevator Company  
(Principal)

X By: Wayne Johnson Manager  
(Title)

Western Surety Company

By: Jeanne M Bucher  
(Attorney-In Fact)

Accepted:

By: Susan Richter  
(Title)

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, is a duly organized and existing corporation having its principal office in the City of Sioux Falls, and State of South Dakota, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

**William M Gleason, Julie L Johnson, Audette Karan, Corwin F Tufte, Jeanne M Buchan, Debra Buckner, Barbara K Sachi, Individually**

of Inver Grove Heights, MN, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

**- In Unlimited Amounts -**

and to bind it thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the shareholders of the corporation.

In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 15th day of March, 2004.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

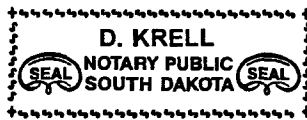
Paul T. Bruflat  
Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 15th day of March, 2004, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Senior Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires

November 30, 2006



D. Krell  
D. Krell, Notary Public

### CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 14th day of July, 2004.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

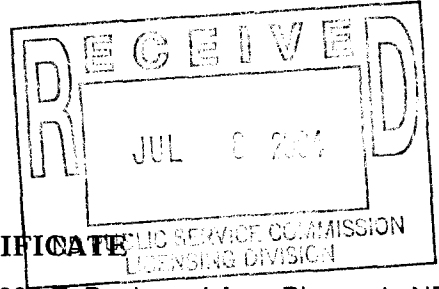
L. Nelson  
L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

**Authorizing By-Law**

**ADOPTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WESTERN SURETY COMPANY**

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the shareholders of the Company.

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, and 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.



**ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE**

Obligee: State of ND Public Serv. Comm. Grain Elev. Div. 12th Fl 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505

Principal: Bottineau Framers Elevator Co. PO Box 7 Bottineau, ND 58318

Effective 08/01/2004 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 142360539

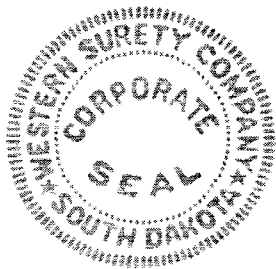
executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA (\$510,000)

hereinafter referred to as the Company, in favor of the above-named Obligee.

This certifies that, in consideration of the Agreements and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY hereby assumes liability as surety under the above described bond.

**BY ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE IT IS AGREED:**

1. That the liability of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY under said bond (a) shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and warranties contained in said bond and any amendment thereto or agreement between the Obligee and the Company affecting the same; and (b) shall in no event be greater than would have been the liability of the Company had this Certificate not been issued.
2. That all rights of the Company, which would have been available to the Company by reason of its suretyship under the aforementioned bond, or otherwise, if this Certificate had not been executed, shall inure to the benefit of and be fully enforceable by WESTERN SURETY COMPANY.
3. Signed and dated this 6th day of July, 2004

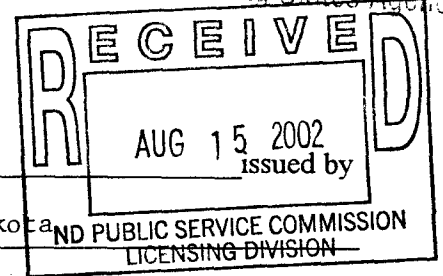


BY: Paul T. Bruflat  
Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President  
Western Surety Company

Certified Mail No. 7003-1680-0002-0652-8240

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**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 142360539

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA to State of North Dakota  
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Bottineau Farmers Elevator Company, Bottineau, ND  
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1999

Effective 1st day of August, ~~19~~2002

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~INCREASED~~/DECREASED and Westhope, ND Location Added

From:

Six Hundred Ten Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 610,000 )

To:

Five Hundred Ten Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 510,000 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 1st day of August, ~~19~~2002

Bottineau Farmers Elevator Company  
(Principal)

By: [Signature]  
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By: [Signature]  
Jeanne Buchan (Attorney)-in-Fact

Accepted:

By: [Signature]  
(Title)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**

Know All Men By These Presents, That Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

Corwin F. Tufte, William M. Gleason, Jeanne M. Buchan, Irma Vandelac, Audette Karan, Individually

of St. Paul, Minnesota  
their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature  
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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given is hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 7th day of September, 2001.



Continental Casualty Company  
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford  
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

*Michael Gengler*

Michael Gengler Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2004

*Eileen T. Pachuta*

Eileen T. Pachuta Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this 13<sup>th</sup> day of

*August 2002*



Continental Casualty Company  
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford  
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

*Mary A. Ribikawskis*

Mary A. Ribikawskis Assistant Secretary

## Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### **"Article IX—Execution of Documents**

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### **"Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact**

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"RESOLVED: That the signature of the President, an Executive Vice President or any Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to the Resolution adopted by this Board of Directors on February 17, 1993 and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Corporation. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed, shall with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Corporation."