



**GRAIN ELEVATOR WAREHOUSE RECEIVED**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
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**RECEIVED**  
 MAY 19 2009  
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOND NO: 929479903

**PRINCIPAL**

Name North Central Farmers Elevator			
Address PO Box 366		City Tpswich	State SD
		Zip Code 57451-0366	

**SURETY**

Name Western Surety Company			
Address 101 South Phillips Avenue		City Sioux Falls	State SD
		Zip Code 57104	

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars. The payment of the penal sum shall bind ourselves, our heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

The PRINCIPAL is the operator of a public warehouse(s) doing business in North Dakota. The warehouse(s) operated by the PRINCIPAL is(are) located as follows: Hague, ND

The warehouse(s) described above is(are) to be operated pursuant to the law for receiving grain for buying, selling, storing, or shipping for compensation. The surety bond shall cover the warehouse(s) operated by the PRINCIPAL as a whole and not a specific amount for each.

The condition of this obligation is as follows: if the PRINCIPAL shall (1) faithfully perform all duties as a public warehouseman, (2) comply with the provisions of law and the rules of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) relating to the storage and purchase of grain by a warehouseman, and (3) pay for all grain purchased and all sums for which the PRINCIPAL shall become liable to the holders of receipts, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in effect, provided, however, that this surety bond shall not accrue to the benefit of any person entering into a credit-sale contract with the PRINCIPAL.

Liability for this undertaking commences on July 1 2009, and shall be continuous unless the SURETY by certified mail notifies the PRINCIPAL and the Commission that the surety bond has been canceled. The cancellation notice shall state that the surety bond will be canceled ninety (90) days after the receipt of the cancellation notice or on a later date specified by the SURETY. In no event shall the aggregate liability of the SURETY accumulate for each successive annual license renewal period during which the bond is in force but, for losses during any annual license renewal period, shall be limited in the aggregate to the bond amount stated or changed by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The liability of the SURETY for any violation of the obligations hereof by the PRINCIPAL during the period of time the bond remains in effect, shall remain in force thereafter for such period of time as may be permitted under the laws of the State of North Dakota.

This bond, including definitions of the terms used herein, are governed by the provisions of Chapters 60-02 and 60-04 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:

Name/Signature	Address	City, State(ND), Zip Code
	N/A	

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

State of South Dakota )  
 County of Edmunds ) ss.  
 On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

before me personally appeared Keith Hainy known to me to be the person or said corporation described in and who executed the within instrument as PRINCIPAL and acknowledged to me that he/she or said corporation executed the same.

Keith Hainy Treasurer  
 Signature of Principal  
Jinde Johnson  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires 4-16-10

(SEAL)

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY**  
 (Corporate Officer)

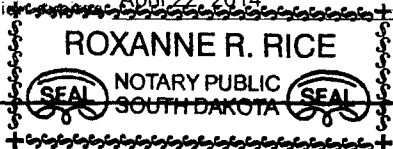
State of South Dakota )  
 County of Hughes ) ss.  
 On this 14th day of May 2009.

before me personally appeared Kathleen M. Zander known to me to be Attorney-in-Fact of said corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument as SURETY, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Kathleen M. Zander, Attorney-in-Fact  
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety  
Kathleen M. Zander  
 Signature  
Roxanne Rice  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires April 22, 2014

(SEAL)



North Dakota Public Service Commission Telephone 701-328-4097  
 State Capital  
 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

ATTORNEY-IN-FACT MUST ATTACH VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM SURETY.

# 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

**Roxanne R Rice, Kathleen M Zander, Individually**

of Pierre, SD, 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 6th day of March, 2009.



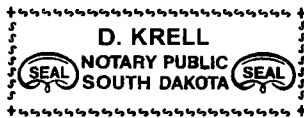
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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

State of South Dakota }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 6th day of March, 2009, 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, 2012



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 May, 2009.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

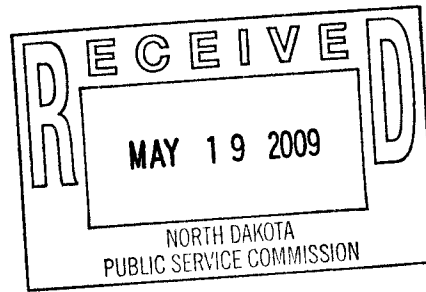
L. Nelson  
L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

**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.



May 15, 2009

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Enclosed please find a new bond for our grain warehouse in Hague, ND effective 7/1/09. We have switched our bond to a new surety company and therefore are cancelling the existing bond that is through Travelers Casualty and Surety effective 06/30/09. There will be no lapse in coverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Nickolas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mike Nickolas