

# 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 Sheriff County of Tyler

bond with bond number 61546019

for Bryan Weatherford  
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 30,000.00

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.

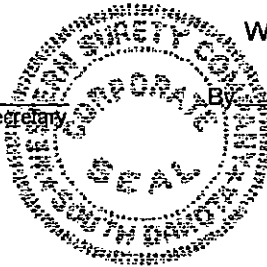
This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"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 16th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



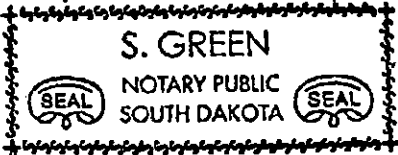
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 16th day of December, 2024, 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](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Tyler } ss

The foregoing bond of Bryan Weatherford as  
Sheriff in and for Tyler County and State of Texas, this day  
approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: Date January 13, 2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Donece Gregory Clerk  
County Court Tyler County  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Milton Powers County Judge,  
Tyler County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Tyler } ss

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing Bond dated the 16th day of December, 2024, with its certificates of  
authentication, was filed for record in my office the 2nd day of January, 2025, at  
\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock AM, and duly recorded the 2nd day of January, 2025, at  
\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_.

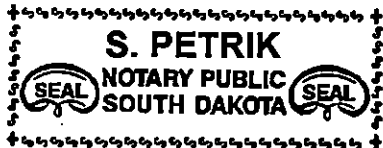
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at Office in Woodville,  
Texas, the day and year last above written.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Donece Gregory Clerk  
County Court Tyler County

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 16th day of December,  
2024, personally appeared Larry Kasten to me known to be the identical  
person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the  
aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the  
free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

\_\_\_\_\_  
S. Petrik  
Notary Public

Figure: 28 TAC § 1.601(a)(2)(B)

**Have a complaint or need help?**

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

**Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America**

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Call: Customer Service at **1-605-336-0850**

Toll-free: **1-800-331-6053**

Email: [uwservices@cnsurety.com](mailto:uwservices@cnsurety.com)

Mail: P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

**The Texas Department of Insurance**

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: **1-800-252-3439**

File a complaint: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

**Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?**

Si tiene un problema con una reclamacion o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compania de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en ingles) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, tambien debe presentar una queja a traves del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compania de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podria perder su derecho para apelar.

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Para obtener informacion o para presentar una queja ante su compania de seguros o HMO:

Llame a: Servicio al Cliente al **1-605-336-0850**

Telefono gratuito: **1-800-331-6053**

Correo electronico: [uwservices@cnsurety.com](mailto:uwservices@cnsurety.com)

Direccion postal: P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

**El Departamento de Seguros de Texas**

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: **1-800-252-3439**

Presente una queja en: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Correo electronico: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Direccion postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030



# STATEMENT OF OFFICER

## Statement

I, BRYAN WEATHERFORD solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

**County Sheriff**  
Position to Which Elected/Appointed

TYLER COUNTY  
County

## Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

1-2-2025  
Date

  
Signature of Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TYLER

I, **BRYAN WEATHERFORD**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of **Sheriff** of Tyler County, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Weatherford", written over a horizontal line.

BRYAN WEATHERFORD

SWORN to and subscribed before me on this the 2nd day of January, 2025.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Officer administering Oath