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

<u>Sharon C Keck</u> of <u>Nocona</u>, State of <u>Texas</u>, with limited authority, its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, will full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Clerk Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 County of Montague

bond with bond number _ 65778621

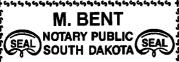
for <u>Amie Kirkland</u>

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$5,000.00

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, 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.

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| () | P. Leitheise | r, Assistant Secretary | by <u> </u> | | Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President |
| STATE OF SO COUNTY OF M | > ss | | | | SEAL AT |
| On this | | February | <u>, 2022</u> , nd | before me, a Nota P. Leitheis | ry Public, personally appeared |
| who, being by r | ne dulv sworn, acknowle | edged that they signed th | e above Power of | Attorney as | |



Rent

Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

To validate bond authenticity, go to <u>www.cnasurety.com</u> > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage. Form 672-5-2021