

**PERFORMANCE BOND**  
(City of Green Cove Springs)

Bond No.: 101179128

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS**, that we, CRE-JDG ROOKERY OWNER, LLC, as Principal, and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC authorize to do business in the State of Florida, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida as Obligee, in the penal sum of THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN Dollars and 45/100 cents (\$ 3,694,316.45), lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

**WHEREAS**, Principal has agreed to construct in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida the following improvements: See plans and specifications submitted to the Obligee for ROOKERY PHASE 2B (see attached Engineer's estimate dated JULY 31, 2024).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH**, that if the said Principal shall construct, or have constructed, the improvements herein described and shall save the Obligee harmless from any loss, cost or damage by reason of its failure to complete said work, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed, sealed, and dated this 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

**Witness:**

  
As to Principal

CRE-JDG ROOKERY OWNER, LLC

**Principal**

By: 

**Witness:**

  
As to Surety

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

**Surety**

By: 

SONJA AMANDA FLOREE HARRIS, ATTORNEY IN FACT

**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY™**  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, d/b/a Merchants National Indemnity Company (in California only) (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Cheryl A Foley; Emily J Golecki; Jeffrey W Reich; Kim E Niv; Lisa A Roseland; Nathan K Reich; Robert P OLinn; Sarah K OLinn; Sonja Amanda Floree Harris; Susan L Reich; Teresa L Durham

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and April 27, 2024 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015 and amended on April 27, 2024.

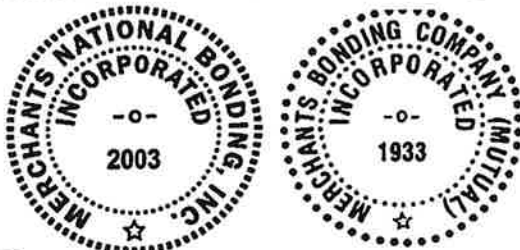
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 29th day of July, 2024.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

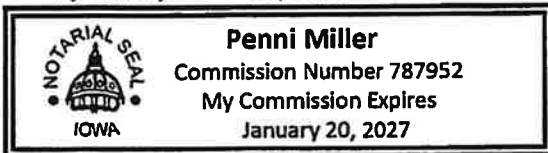
By

*Larry Taylor*

President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 29th day of July, 2024, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 12th day of September, 2024.



*Atta B. Smith*  
Secretary