

CONSENT OF SURETY COMPANY TO FINAL PAYMENT

PROJECT: City of Port Lavaca Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvements -
Parking Lot & Sidewalk Improvements

OWNER: City of Port Lavaca

CONTRACTOR: Lester Contracting, Inc. Bond #30235415

CONTRACT DATE: February 23, 2026

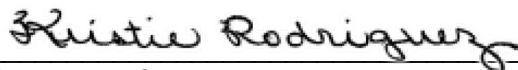
In accordance with the provisions of the Contract between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR as indicated above, Continental Casualty Company, SURETY COMPANY, on bond of CONTRACTOR, hereby approves of the final payment to the CONTRACTOR, and agrees that final payment to the CONTRACTOR shall not relieve the SURETY COMPANY of any of its obligations to OWNER as set forth in the said SURETY COMPANY's bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the SURETY COMPANY has hereunto set its hand this 11th day of September, 2026.

ATTEST:



Continental Casualty
Company
SURETY COMPANY


Signature of Authorized Representative

(SEAL)

Kristie Rodriguez Attorney in Fact

Title

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois insurance company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, an Illinois insurance company, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania insurance company (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing insurance companies 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

Gary Grissom, Laurie J Barnes, Ronda Brown, Denise Dugan, James Russell, Ana Rodriguez, Kristie Rodriguez, Shanna Wagner, Coy Sunderman, J D Steanson, Individually

of Austin, TX, 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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

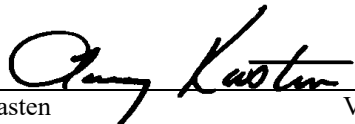
and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their insurance companies and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

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 29th day of August, 2023.



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


Larry Kasten Vice President

State of South Dakota, County of Minnehaha, ss:

On this 29th day of August, 2023, before me personally came Larry Kasten 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 a Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois insurance company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, an Illinois insurance company, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania insurance company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said insurance companies; 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 insurance companies and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said insurance companies.



My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

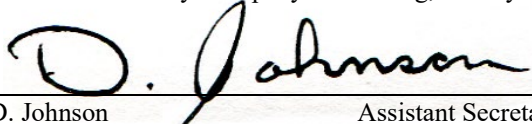

M. Bent Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, D. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois insurance company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, an Illinois insurance company, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania insurance company do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Laws and Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the insurance companies 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 insurance companies this 11th day of September, 2026.



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


D. Johnson Assistant Secretary

Form F6853-4-2023

Go to www.cnasurety.com > Owner / Obligatee Services > Validate Bond Coverage, if you want to verify bond authenticity.

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

This Power of Attorney is signed by Larry Kasten, Vice President of each of the CNA Companies (as defined in the Power of Attorney), who has been authorized pursuant to the below Bylaws and Resolutions to execute power of attorneys on behalf of each of the CNA Companies.

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 resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting held on May 12, 1995:

“RESOLVED: That any Senior or Group Vice President may authorize an officer to sign specific documents, agreements and instruments on behalf of the Company provided that the name of such authorized officer and a description of the documents, agreements or instruments that such officer may sign will be provided in writing by the Senior or Group Vice President to the Secretary of the Company prior to such execution becoming effective.”

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 by unanimous written consent dated the 25th day of April, 2012:

“Whereas, the bylaws of the Company or specific resolution of the Board of Directors has authorized various officers (the “Authorized Officers”) to execute various policies, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature; and

Whereas, from time to time, the signature of the Authorized Officers, in addition to being provided in original, hard copy format, may be provided via facsimile or otherwise in an electronic format (collectively, “Electronic Signatures”); Now therefore be it resolved: that the Electronic Signature of any Authorized Officer shall be valid and binding on the Company.”

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.”

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 by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated May 10, 1995:

“RESOLVED: That any Senior or Group Vice President may authorize an officer to sign specific documents, agreements and instruments on behalf of the Company provided that the name of such authorized officer and a description of the documents, agreements or instruments that such officer may sign will be provided in writing by the Senior or Group Vice President to the Secretary of the Company prior to such execution becoming effective.”

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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 resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated May 10, 1995:

“RESOLVED: That any Senior or Group Vice President may authorize an officer to sign specific documents, agreements and instruments on behalf of the Company provided that the name of such authorized officer and a description of the documents, agreements or instruments that such officer may sign will be provided in writing by the Senior or Group Vice President to the Secretary of the Company prior to such execution becoming effective.”

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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.

Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, American Casualty Company of Reading, PA and Continental Insurance Company

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

Call: Customer Service at **1-312-822-5000**

Toll-free: **1-877-672-6115**

Email: legclm@cnasurety.com

Mail: CNA Surety, 151 North Franklin, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606

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

Email: 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 reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía 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 inglés) pueda ayudar.

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

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Llame a: Customer Service at **1-312-822-5000**

Teléfono gratuito: **1-877-672-6115**

Correo electrónico: legclm@cnasurety.com

Dirección postal: CNA Surety, 151 North Franklin, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

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