

**OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH**



**STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY**

**BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, MARK BERTHIAUME of 1001 PRESTON PL CHELSEA AL 35043

as Principal, and STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto STATE OF ALABAMA

in the penal sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00), for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we do hereby severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 27th day of January ,2026

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, that, whereas, the said Principal has been elected or appointed to the office of NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE AT LARGE

for a term of FOUR YEARS FROM DATE OF  
NOTARY COMMISSION beginning on 1/28/20 and ending on 1/28/30

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such official during the term aforesaid, the Principal and the Surety hereby agreeing that if said bond is required by any statute, all the provisions of such statute are hereby made a part of this bond, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Licensed Resident Agent

Principal



STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By Attorney-in-fact

The within bond and the Surety thereon are hereby approved this 28th day of January, 2026

OATH OF OFFICE



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STATE OF Alabama

SS

COUNTY OF Shelby

Mark Bethiaume being  
Principal (print name)

duly sworn, says that he/she will support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Alabama and that he/she will faithfully, honestly and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office/position to which he/she has been appointed while he/she shall hold said office.

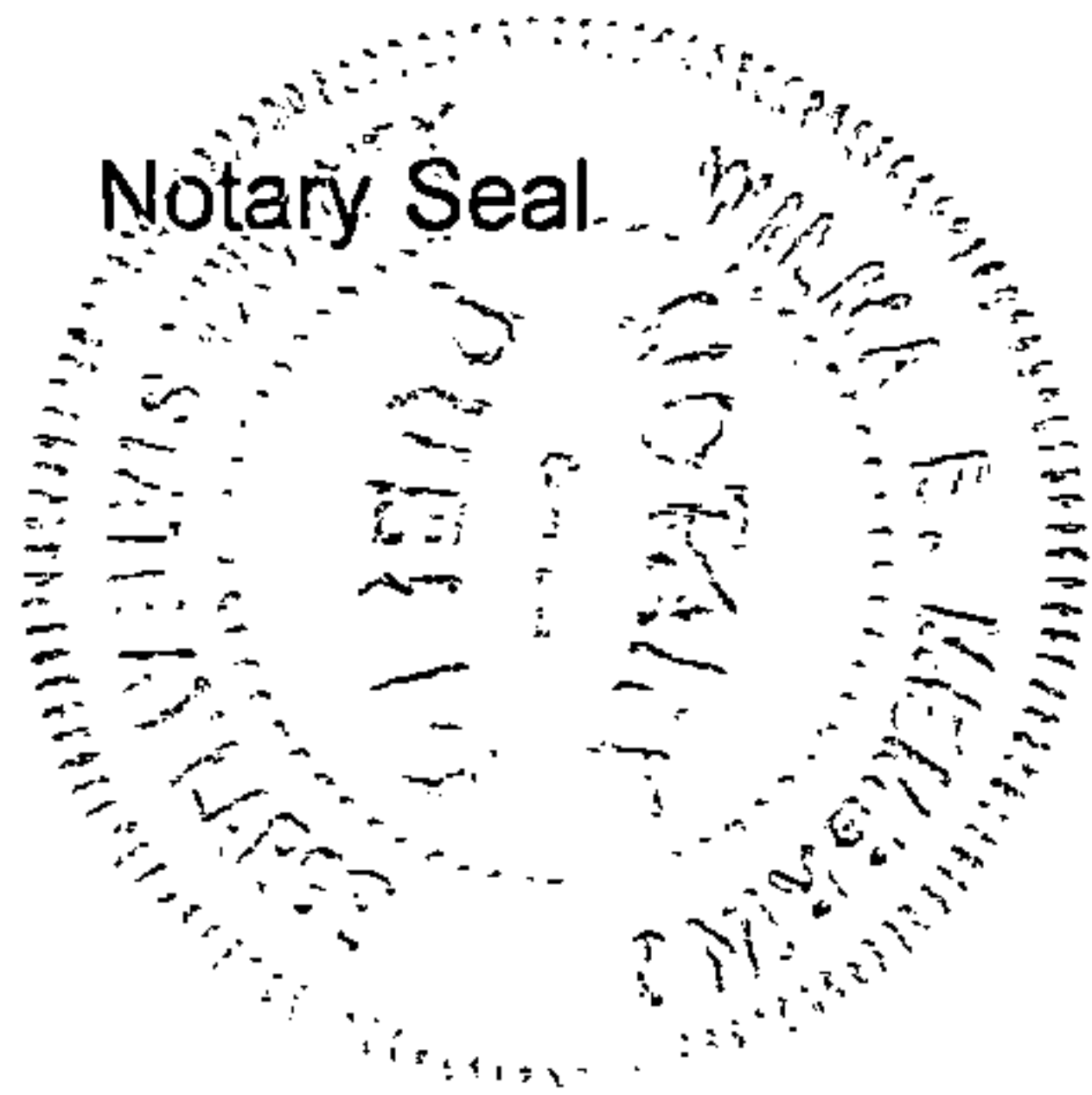
Mark Bethiaume  
Signature of Principal

Sworn to by said Mark Bethiaume  
Principal (print name)

27 day of January, A.D. 2020

W. E. W. J.  
Notary Public

April 13<sup>th</sup> 2027  
Commission Date





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State Farm Fire and Casualty Company

# Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, with its principal office in Bloomington, Illinois, does hereby constitute and appoint: Tim Johns

of Homewood, Alabama its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond as follows:

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| \$ 5,000 – License, Permit or Indemnity — Financial Guarantee  | \$ 50,000 – Notary Public  |
| \$ 50,000 – License & Permit — Code Compliance                 | \$100,000 – Administrator, Executor, Personal Representative, or Trustee |
| \$ 50,000 – Defective Title — Certificate of Title Surety Bond | \$ 50,000 – Guardian, Conservator, or Curator                            |
| \$ 25,000 – Public Official                                    |  |

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID FOR THE EXECUTION OF ANY CONTRACT (CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLY) BOND - BID, PERFORMANCE OR PAYMENT.

This appointment is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of State Farm Fire and Casualty Company on the 1st day of January, 2024, as is duly authorized by the Board of Directors in Article II, Section 6 of the By-Laws of the Company, which resolution is:

WHEREAS, the Board desires to delegate the authority to appoint persons as Attorneys-in-Fact for certain bonds, undertakings, or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond.

RESOLVED, that any Officer of the Company who works regularly with surety bonds is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company as Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, which the Company might execute through its officers. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected or appointed officers of the Company. Any Attorney-in-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile shall be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed by its Officer, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 1st day of January, 2024.

This APPOINTMENT SHALL CEASE AND TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2028, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED AS PROVIDED.

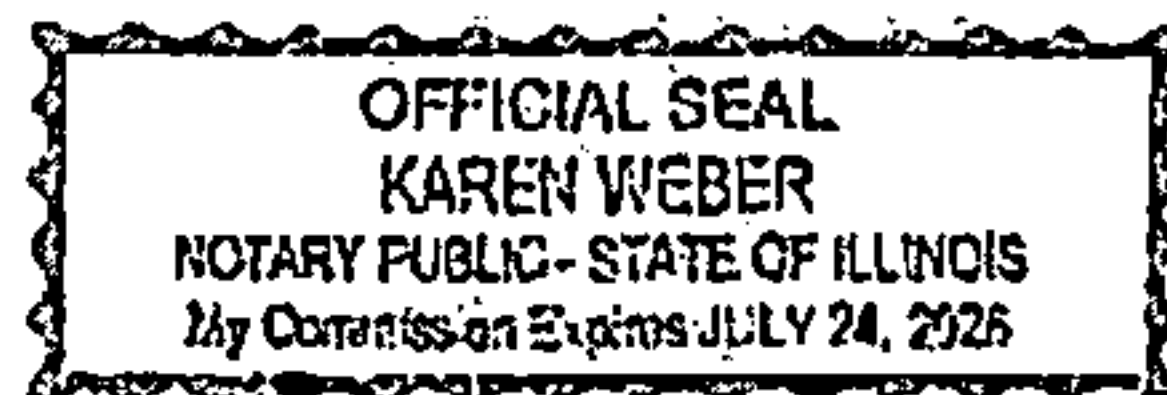


STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By: John R. Horton  
 John R. Horton - Assistant Secretary Treasurer

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 COUNTY OF McLEAN

On this 1st day of January, 2024, before me personally came John R. Horton to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Assistant Secretary Treasurer of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal; and that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-Laws of said corporation.



Karen Weber

Notary Public  
 My commission expires July 24, 2026

### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary Treasurer of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and sealed at Bloomington, Illinois. Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2024



Brian A. Crook

Brian A. Crook - Assistant Secretary Treasurer

If you have a questions concerning the validity of this Power of Attorney, call 309-766-2090.

Allison S. Boyd  
Judge of Probate

Kimberly A. Melton  
Chief Clerk



Judicial Division - (205) 670-5210

Recording Division - (205) 670-5220



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## Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama

Post Office Box 825 • Columbiana, Alabama 35051

website: [www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court](http://www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court)

Below you will find your Commission as a Notary Public. Please detach the commission card and keep it in a secure place. If your commission is being renewed this card will replace any previously issued commission card. Note that your commission card indicates the term of your current commission and it is important that you begin the renewal process in advance of the expiration of your commission to ensure there is no break in service.

The office of Notary Public is a serious and responsible public office and should not be taken lightly. Abuse of the office or irresponsibility in the performance of notarial duties can result in grave consequences. If a Notary Public has doubts about the propriety of any action, he or she should seek competent professional advice before he or she acts.

A Notary Public is a public officer whose function it is:

1. To administer oaths; and
2. To attend and certify, by his signature and official seal, certain classes of documents, in order to give them credit and authenticity; and
3. To take acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances and certify the same; and
4. To perform certain official acts, chiefly in commercial matters, such as the protesting of notes and bills, the notice of foreign drafts, and marine protests in cases of damage.

You will need to obtain your notarial seal prior to performing any official acts. It is required that your notarial seal reflect your name as stated in the below commission card.

### NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

In the name of the State of Alabama and pursuant to the authority granted me as Judge of Probate for Shelby County, I hereby Commission Mark Berthiaume as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 01/28/2026 and ending on 01/28/2030



*Allison S. Boyd*

ALLISON S. BOYD  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Notary 26-029



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State of Alabama	<b>APPLICATION FOR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION</b> (MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COUNTY WHERE APPLICATION IS MADE)	Court of <u>Shelby</u> County
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**\$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED**

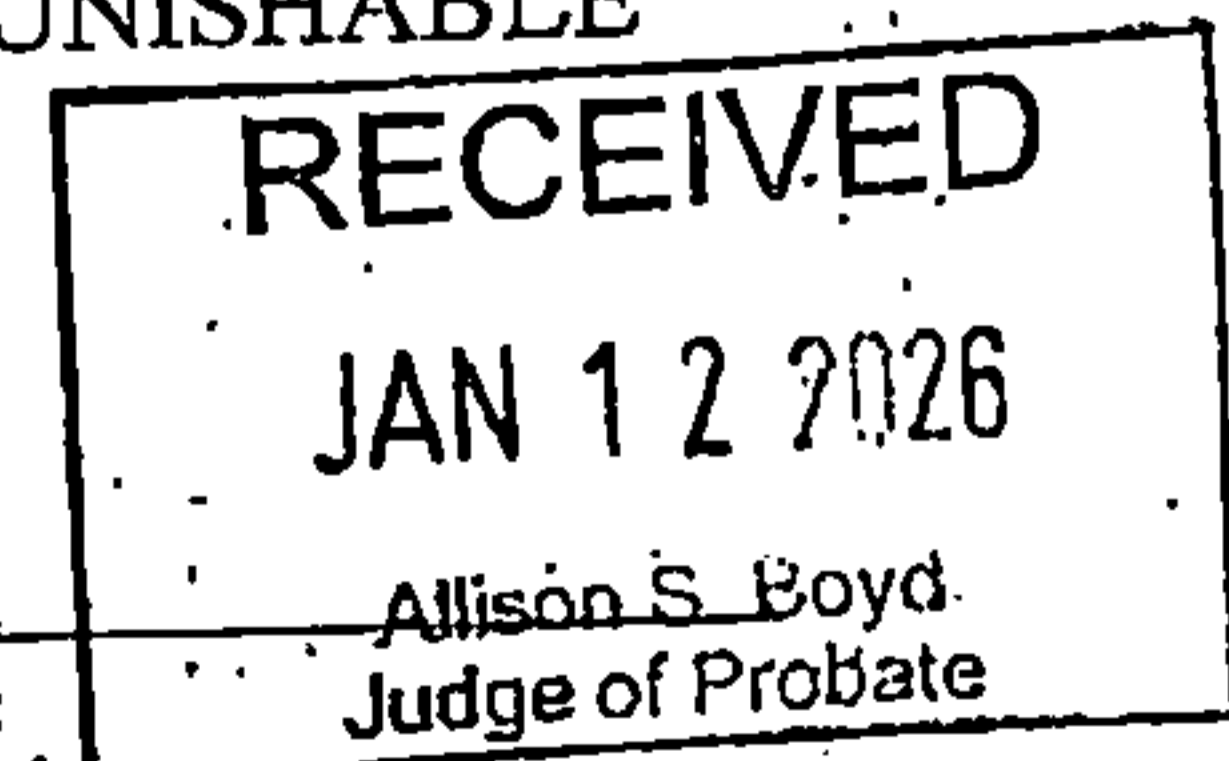
Date: January 9, 2026

1. Name: Mark A. Berthiaume  
(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)
2. Home Address: 1001 Preston Place Apt/Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_
3. City/State/Zip: Chelsea, AL, 35043 County of Residence Shelby
4. Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date Of Birth: 03/14/1972 Email Address markberthiaume1972@gmail.com
6. Phone Numbers: Work 205 945 8200 Home 205 999 2113
7. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude? \_\_\_ YES  NO (If YES, Please Provide Details On Page 2)
8. Are you currently a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding? \_\_\_ YES  NO
9. Are you currently under an order adjudicating you incapacitated? \_\_\_ YES  NO
10. Are you currently or have you ever been a commissioned notary public in Alabama?  
 YES (County St. Clair Expiration Date: 02/04/2026) \_\_\_ NO
11. Mark Berthiaume  
(Print Your Name Exactly As It Is To Appear On Notary Commission)

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (PAGES ONE AND TWO) IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM ABLE AND WILLING TO COMPLETE THE MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NOTARY PUBLICS (UNLESS EXEMPT BY LAW) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE \$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE (I.E. TIME DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.)

ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE MADE UNDER THE FEAR OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE CRIME OF PERJURY IS PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

Signature: Mark Berthiaume



This should be your usual signature and match the name printed on Line 11.  
**THIS SHOULD BE THE SIGNATURE YOU USE WHEN NOTARIZING A DOCUMENT**

\* \$10.00 Application Fee PLUS any applicable county fees