

**AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM**

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: 9/9/2024

Submitted By: CJO

Department: Hamm Creek Park

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:  
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<b>Court Decision:</b> <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>
 <b>September 9, 2024</b>

**Description:**

Consider and Approve VIP Bond for James Lynn, Hamm Creek Park-Precinct 1

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(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

**Person to Present:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

**Supporting Documentation:** (check one)     PUBLIC     CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

**Estimated Length of Presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

**Session Requested:** (check one)

Action Item     Consent     Workshop     Executive     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:**

County Attorney     IT     Purchasing     Auditor

Personnel     Public Works     Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents  
In Your Submission Email**

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**VOLUNTEER IN PARKS (VIP) BOND**

Bond No. 101246835

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT ~~WE~~, James Lynn,  
as Principal, and the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in  
the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hamm Creek Park, as obligee, in the sum  
of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), for the payment of which  
we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal is  
performing services for the Obligee by selling permits and collecting fees pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 4601-6a and,  
in accordance with subsection (k) of that statute, is required to give bond.

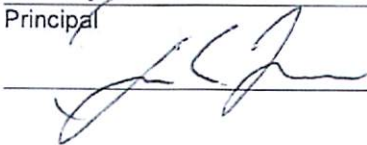
NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall perform such services without committing any fraudulent or  
dishonest act or acts resulting in the loss of fees collected by the Principal for the Obligee within the scope of  
such services, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect. For purposes of this  
bond, a "fraudulent or dishonest act" of the Principal shall mean an act which is punishable under the criminal  
code in the jurisdiction within which the act occurred, for which the Principal is tried and convicted by a court of  
proper jurisdiction.

This bond shall be effective on August 19, 2024 and shall terminate on August 19, 2025.  
This bond may be cancelled by the Surety by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to the Obligee, and the  
Surety shall be relieved of any further liability under this bond thirty (30) days after such notice is sent by First  
Class U.S. Mail.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of  
claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate  
liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated  
above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2024.

James Lynn  
Principal



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April Long  
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas

BY April Long DEPUTY

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Lindsay Senior  
Lindsay Senior Attorney-in-Fact

**MERCHANTS**  
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**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,

**Lindsay Senior**

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 19th day of August, 2024.



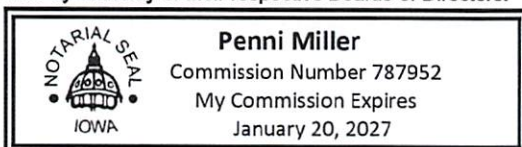
**MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**  
**MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.**  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

*Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 19th day of August, 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.



*Penni Miller*  
Notary Public

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

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 19th day of August, 2024.



*Elisabeth Sandersfeld*  
Secretary

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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.

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

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

Call: Compliance Officer at (800) 671-8171  
Toll-free: (800) 671-8171  
Email: [regulatory@merchantsbonding.com](mailto:regulatory@merchantsbonding.com)  
Mail: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-3498

To get insurance information, you may also contact your agent:

Higginbotham Insurance Agency Inc  
Call: (817) 336-2377  
Mail: PO Box 908 Fort Worth, TX 76101

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,

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**¿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.

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)  
Llame a: Compliance Officer al (800) 671-8171  
Teléfono gratuito: (800) 678-8171  
Correo electrónico: [regulatory@merchantsbonding.com](mailto:regulatory@merchantsbonding.com)  
Dirección postal: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-3498

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 electrónico: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)  
Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, PO Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030



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### TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

The following has been added, and supersedes any provision to the contrary.

**The following actions shall be commenced within 2 years and 1 day from the date the cause of action first accrues:**

1. Any claim, action, suit or proceeding against the Surety.

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Johnson County

I hereby certify that this Instrument was filed in the File Number sequence on the date/time printed hereon, and was duly recorded in the Official Records of Johnson County, Texas

April Long  
Johnson County Clerk  
Johnson County, TX