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Examination of Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

Enclosed is the Final Order entered by Stephen W. Robertson, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance, after fully considering and reviewing the Verified Report of Examination of Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township, any relevant examination work papers, and any written submissions or rebuttals. The Verified Report of Examination, as sent to you on December 17, 2015, has been adopted by the Commissioner.

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 27-1-3.1-12(b), within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Final Order, each director of Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township shall file an affidavit with the Indiana Department of Insurance stating that he/she has received a copy of the Verified Report of Examination and the Final Order.

The Final Order is a final administrative decision that may be appealed pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-5.

Cynthia D. Donovan

Chief Financial Examiner

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Examination of Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township

FINDINGS AND FINAL ORDER

The Indiana Department of Insurance conducted an examination into the affairs of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township (hereinafter "Company") for the time period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

The Verified Report of Examination was filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Commissioner") by the Examiner on November 18, 2014.

A copy of the Verified Report of Examination, along with a Notice of Opportunity to Make Written Submission or Rebuttal, was mailed to the Company via Certified Mail on December 17, 2014 and was received by the Company on December 30, 2014.

The Company did not file any objections.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the Verified Report of Examination, I hereby make the following **FINDINGS**:

- 1. That the Verified Report of Examination is a true and accurate report of the financial condition and affairs of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township as of December 31, 2013.
- 2. That the Examiner's Recommendations are reasonable and necessary in order for the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township to comply with the laws of the State of Indiana.

Based on the FINDINGS, the Commissioner does hereby ORDER:

- 1. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 27-1-3.1-11(a)(1), the Verified Report of Examination is adopted and shall be filed. Hereafter the Verified Report of Examination, may constitute prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein in any action or proceeding taken by the Indiana Department of Insurance against the Company, its officers, directors, or agents.
- 2. The Company shall comply with the Examiner's Recommendations enumerated in summary form and throughout the text of the Verified Report of Examination. A written response to these recommendations should be provided to the Department within 30 days of receipt of this order.
- 3. Compliance with the Examiner's recommendations shall be completed on or before the filing of the subsequent annual statement. In the event it is not feasible to comply with a recommendation before the filing of the subsequent annual statement, the Company shall submit a written explanation as to why it was not feasible with the filing of the annual statement.

Signed and Sealed this 30 th day of

2015

Stephen W. Robertson

Insurance Commissioner

Indiana Department of Insurance

ABOUT AFFIRMATIONS

The following pages for affirmations need to be signed by each Board Member and returned to the Indiana Department of Insurance within thirty (30) days in accordance with I.C. §27-1-3.1-12(b).

If your affirmations list individuals that are no longer on your Board of Directors, you may simply retype the form on plain white paper with the correct names and a line to the right for signature. If the names are misspelled, you may do the same, simply re-type the corrected form with a line to the right for signature.

Should you have any questions or difficulties with these forms or you require additional time past the thirty (30) day requirement, please do not hesitate to contact this department at (317) 232-2390.

STATE OF INDIANA

Department of Insurance

REPORT OF EXAMINATION

OF

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF FRENCH TOWNSHIP NAIC CO. CODE 92318

As of

December 31, 2013



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Fax: (317) 232-5251. Stephen W. Robertson, Commissioner

November 18, 2014

Honorable Stephen W. Robertson, Commissioner Indiana Department of Insurance 311 West Washington Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2787

Dear Commissioner:

Pursuant to the authority vested in Appointment Number 3834, an examination has been made or the affairs and financial condition of:

Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township 422 North 300 East Decatur, Indiana 46733

hereinafter referred to as the "Company", an Indiana domiciled, farm mutual insurance company. The examination was conducted at the corporate offices of the Company in Decatur, Indiana and the offices of Noble Consulting Services, Inc., in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Report of Examination, reflecting the status of the Company as of December 31, 2013, is hereby respectfully submitted.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The Company was last examined by representatives of the Indiana Department of Insurance (INDOI) as of the period ending December 31, 2008. The present risk-focused examination was conducted by Noble Consulting Services, Inc., and covered the period from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013, and included any material transactions and/or events occurring subsequent to the examination date and noted during the course of this examination.

The examination was conducted in accordance with the NAIC Financial Condition Examiners Handbook (Handbook). The Handbook requires that we plan and perform the examination to evaluate the financial condition and identify prospective risks of the Company by obtaining information about the Company, including corporate governance, identifying and assessing inherent risks within the Company, and evaluating system controls and procedures used to mitigate those risks. An examination also includes assessing the principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation, management's compliance with Statutory Accounting Principles, and Annual Statement instructions, when applicable to domestic state regulations.

All accounts and activities of the Company were considered in accordance with the risk-focused examination process.

HISTORY

The Company was organized in 1882 and elected to operate under Chapter 145, Acts 1919 on May 12, 1926.

The Company's constitution states it is the objective of the Company to gather a number of members who promise to assist one another in losses resulting from fire, lightning, or multiple peril and to furnish such insurance to members at cost according to the conditions that only persons of good repute owning property outside the corporation limits of cities or towns can be admitted as members. Policyholders automatically become members.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

As of December 31, 2013, the Company had surplus of \$1,118,832 and had 693 policyholders, who are members of the Company.

TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION

The Company conducts business in nineteen (19) counties: Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Hamilton, Howard, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marion, Miami, Noble, Putnam, Steuben, Union, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley.

GROWTH OF THE COMPANY

The following exhibit summarizes the financial results of the Company, as reported during the examination period.

| Year 2013 2012 2011 | Admitted | Liabilities \$ 413,346 330,910 288,907 | Surplus \$ 1,118,832 970,729 1,081,200 |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 2011 | 1,370,107 | 288,907 | 1,081,200 |
| 2010 | 1,379,487 | 289,399 | 1,090,088 |
| 2009 | 1,268,895 | 299,722 | 969,173 |

The Company's number of policies has increased by 4% since 2009. The gross property risk in-force has increased by 21% and gross premiums written have increased by 18% for the same period. The 2012 decrease in surplus was a result of increased claims due to a significant weather event in the Company's service area.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Directors

The Company's Articles of Incorporation direct that the power of the Company is vested in a Board of Directors, whose members are elected to five (5) year terms, on a staggered basis.

The following is a list of Board Members as of December 31, 2013:

| Name | | Address | | |
|-----------------|----|------------------|--|--|
| Melvin Burkhart | ,1 | Decatur, Indiana | | |
| Kerry Kauffman | | Decatur, Indiana | | |
| Jeff Lehman | | Berne, Indiana | | |
| Philip Moser | | Decatur, Indiana | | |
| Max Reinhard | | Berne, Indiana | | |
| Arlene Stump | | Decatur, Indiana | | |

Officers

The Company's Bylaws state that the officers of the Company shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. Officers are elected, on a five (5) year staggered basis, similar to the directorship noted above. The following is a list of officers as of December 31, 2013.

| Name | Office |
|------------------------------|---|
| Max Reinhard | President |
| Philip Moser Arlene Stump | Vice President Secretary and Treasurer |

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Directors and officers are required to review and sign Conflict of Interest statements annually. It was determined that all directors and officers listed in the Management and Control section of this Report of Examination have reviewed and signed their statements as of December 31, 2013.

OATH OF OFFICE

Indiana Code (IC) 27-1-7-10(i) stipulates that every director, when elected, shall take and subscribe to an oath stating that he or she will faithfully, honestly, and diligently administer the affairs of the Company and will not knowingly violate any of the laws applicable to such Company. It was determined that all directors listed in the Management and Control section of this Report of Examination have subscribed to an oath as of December 31, 2013.

CORPORATE RECORDS

Articles of Incorporation

There were no amendments made to the Articles of Incorporation during the examination period.

Bylaws

There were no amendments made to the Bylaws during the examination period.

Minutes

The Board and shareholder meeting minutes were reviewed for the period under examination through the fieldwork date.

AFFILIATED COMPANIES

The Company does not have any affiliated companies.

FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE

The Company protects itself against loss from any fraudulent or dishonest acts by any employees through a fidelity bond issued by St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. The bond has a single loss coverage limit of \$100,000 with a \$2,500 deductible. The fidelity bond is adequate to meet the prescribed minimum coverage specified by the NAIC.

The Company had additional types of coverage in-force at December 31, 2013, including but not limited to, management indemnity/directors and officers liability, and workers' compensation liability.

STATUTORY DEPOSITS

As a farm mutual insurer, the Company is not required to maintain a statutory deposit with the state of Indiana.

REINSURANCE

During the examination period, the Company purchased reinsurance from Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company (Grinnell) as follows:

- Individual occurrence of loss excess Grinnell assumes liability over the Company's retention of \$125,000 per each individual occurrence of loss.
- Aggregate excess reinsurance Grinnell assumes liability when annual losses exceed the attachment point for aggregate net losses of \$402,481. Aggregate excess reinsurance above the attachment point is unlimited.

The Company's individual occurrence of excess loss on a single risk is greater than 10% of surplus, which does not comply with IC 27-1-13-6(a). See summary of Other Significant Issues, in this Report of Examination.

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

The Company's accounting procedures, practices, account records, and supporting data were reviewed and tested to the extent deemed necessary. The trial balances prepared from the Company's general ledger for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2013, were agreed to the respective Annual Statements.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF FRENCH TOWNSHIP Assets, Liabilities and Surplus As of December 31, 2013

| Bonds Stocks Bank balances subject to check Bank balances on interest Accrued interest Equipment and furniture Suspense Jackson National Life Annuity Totals | | Per Examination* \$ 230,667 895 13,487 1,081,203 2,940 108 78 202,800 \$ 1,532,178 |
|--|---|--|
| Net unpaid claims Ceded reinsurance balances payable Taxes payable Other unpaid expenses Premiums collected in advance Unearned premium reserve Total liabilities Surplus Totals | A Service Control of the Control of | \$ 51,291 12,127 2,451 560 14,616 332,301 413,346 1,118,832 \$ 1,532,178 |

^{*} There were no adjustments to the as-filed financial statements, therefore the Annual Statement amounts agree to the examination amounts.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF FRENCH TOWNSHIP

Income Statement and Change in Surplus For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

| INCOME | | | Per Ez | kamination* |
|--|-----|---|--------|---|
| Net Premiums Written Policy fees Less, aggregate excess loss reinsurance Total net premiums Income from investments Other income and adjustments | | | \$ | 566,143 1,680 (94,116) 473,707 38,133 82,285 |
| Total income | | | \$ | 594,125 |
| EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN SURE Net Losses Paid Less, received from aggregate excess loss reinsurance Total of all net losses Operating expenses Non-Operating expenses Total disbursements Net Income (cash basis) Change in liabilities ** Change in Surplus Surplus, December 31, 2012 Surplus, December 31, 2013 | LUS | 12.00 () () () () () () () () | | 231,830 (59,112) 172,718 183,533 288 356,539 237,586 (89,483) 148,103 970,729 118,832 |

^{*} There were no adjustments to the as-filed financial statements, therefore the Annual Statement amounts agree to the examination amounts.

^{**} The Company reports some income statement items on a cash basis. In order to properly reconcile the change in surplus, the change in liabilities amount reflects the reconciliation from cash to accrual basis.

COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There were no recommended adjustments to the financial statements as of December 31, 2013, based on the results of this examination.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

IC 27-1-13-6 (a) states that no company organized to make any kind or kinds of insurance included in class II and class III of IC 27-1-5-1 may take, on any one (1) risk of whatever nature, a sum exceeding one-tenth (1/10) part of its paid-up capital, surplus, and contingent reserves, if any, if a stock company, or one-tenth (1/10) of its surplus and contingent reserves, if any, if other than a stock company. The Company's risk retention was \$125,000 on an individual loss, as of December 31, 2013, which is more than 11.0% of surplus, which was \$1,118,832 as of December 31, 2013. In 2014, the Company reduced their risk retention on individual losses to \$100,000, in order to comply with the statute. It is recommended the Company continue to monitor the ratio above, in order to ensure continued compliance with Indiana statutes.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no events subsequent to the examination date and prior to the completion of fieldwork which were considered material events requiring disclosure in this Report of Examination, beyond the decrease in risk retention noted in the Other Significant Issues section.

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

This is to certify that the undersigned is a duly qualified Examiner-in-Charge appointed by the Indiana Department of Insurance and that he, in coordination with staff assistance from Noble Consulting Services, Inc., hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Examiners", performed an examination of Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Township, as of December 31, 2013.

The Indiana Department of Insurance is accredited under the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Financial Regulation Accreditation Standards.

This examination was performed in accordance with those procedures required by the NAIC Financial Condition Examiners Handbook and other procedures tailored for this examination. Such procedures performed on this examination do not constitute an audit made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and no audit opinion is expressed on the financial statements contained in this report.

The attached Report of Examination is a true and complete report of condition of Mutual Fire Insurance Company of French Pownship as of December 31, 2013, as determined by the undersigned.

Rick Mendez, CPA

Noble Consulting Services, Inc.

State of: Indiana County of: Marion

IN WITNESS WHEROF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal in said County and State, the day and year last above written.

My commis

SAMANTHA LEIGH DOUGHERTY
TO Notary Public, State of Indiana
Hendricks County
Commission # 627605
My Commission Expires

July 04, 2019

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