STATE OF INDIANA	)	BEFORE THE INDIANA					
COUNTY OF MARION	) SS: )	COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE					
IN THE MATTER OF:		)					
Widner Mutual Fire Insurance A 1 South Highway 159, PO Box 2		)					
Freelandville, Indiana 47535	<i>1</i>	, )					

**Examination of Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association** 

## **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 **Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association**, any relevant examination work papers, and any written submissions or rebuttals. The Verified Report of Examination, as amended by the Final Order, 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 **Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association** 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.

<u>January</u> 27, 2011

Date

Cynthia D. Donovan
Chief Financial Examiner

CERTIFIED MAIL NUMBER: 7005 3110 0002 4443 7748

STATE OF INDIANA	) 00.	BEFORE THE INDIANA					
COUNTY OF MARION	) SS: )	COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE					
IN THE MATTER OF:		)					
Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association 1 South Highway 159, PO Box 27	ciation	) )					
Freelandville, Indiana 47535		)					

**Examination of Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association** 

#### FINDINGS AND FINAL ORDER

The Indiana Department of Insurance conducted an examination into the affairs of the Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association (hereinafter "Company") for the time period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009.

The Verified Report of Examination was filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Commissioner") by the Examiner on November 2, 2010.

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 21, 2010 and was received by the Company on December 23, 2010.

On January 21, 2011, pursuant to Ind. Code § 27-1-3.1-10, the Company filed a response to the Verified Report of Examination. The Commissioner has fully considered the Company's response.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the Verified Report of Examination and the response filed by the Company, the Commissioner hereby FINDS as follows:

 The suggested modifications to the Verified Report of Examination submitted by the Company are reasonable and shall be incorporated into the Verified Examination Report. A copy of the Verified Report of Examination, as amended, is attached hereto.

- 2. The Verified Report of Examination, as amended, is true and accurate report of the financial condition and affairs of the Company as of December 31, 2009.
- 3. The Examiners' recommendations are reasonable and necessary in order for the Company to comply with the insurance 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, as amended, 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, as amended. 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.

day of

Insurance Commissioner

#### **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.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

I hereby affirm under penalties for perjury that I am the President of the Company, and that in those capacities I provided each of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company an opportunity to review the Report of Examination dated December 31, 2009 and that each of said directors informed me that he/she reviewed said report. Further, I affirm under penalties for perjury that a true and accurate copy of the Report of Examination dated December 31, 2009 will be provided to the Department of Insurance of each state and territory in which the Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association is authorized to transact business.

Date	President	
Subscribed and sworn to before	ma this	
day of		
day or	_, 2011.	
Notary Public		
•		
My commission expires:		

## **AFFIRMATION**

I, an undersigned member of the Board of Directors of the Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association, have received a copy of the adopted report and related orders.

I hereby affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

William Albrecht PRESIDENT	
Bruce Pepmeier	
Bill Brocksmith	
Frank Buckthal	
Roger King	
Terence Perkins	
Paul Schroieder	
Don Pieper	
John Telligman	

# STATE OF INDIANA

# **Department of Insurance**

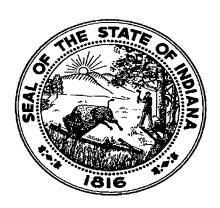
# REPORT OF EXAMINATION

# **OF**

# WIDNER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION NAIC Co. Code 92279

As of

**December 31, 2009** 



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

SALUTATION	1
SCOPE OF EXAMINATION	2
HISTORY	
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS	
TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION	2
GROWTH OF THE COMPANY	3
MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL	3
CONFLICT OF INTEREST	4
OATH OF OFFICE	4
CORPORATE RECORDS	4
AFFILIATED COMPANIES	4
FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE	5
STATUTORY DEPOSITS	5
REINSURANCE	5
ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS	5
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	6
Assets, Liabilities and Surplus	6
Statement of Income	
COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	8
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS	
SUBSEQUENT EVENTS	8
MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION	8
AFFIDAVIT	9



DOI

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE 311 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 300 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2787 TELEPHONE: (317) 232-2385 FAX: (317) 232-5251

Stephen W. Robertson, Commissioner

November 3, 2010

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

Dear Commissioner,

Pursuant to the authority vested in Appointment Number 3657, an examination has been made of the affairs and financial condition of:

Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association P.O. Box 27 1 S Hwy 159 Freelandville, Indiana 47535

hereinafter referred to as the "Company", an Indiana-domiciled, farm mutual insurance company. The examination was conducted at the Company's corporate offices in Freelandville, Indiana.

The Report of Examination, reflecting the status of the Company as of December 31, 2009, is hereby respectfully submitted.

#### **SCOPE OF EXAMINATION**

The Company was last examined by representatives of the Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) as of December 31, 2004. The present examination, covering the period from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2009, was conducted by Noble Consulting Services, Inc. (Noble) and included any material transactions and/or events occurring subsequent to the examination date and noted during the course of this examination.

We conducted our examination pursuant to and in accordance with the 2010 NAIC <u>Financial Condition Examiners Handbook</u> (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.

#### **HISTORY**

The Association was organized in 1883 and elected to operate under Chapter 145, Acts 1919; IC 27-5-1 of the Indiana Insurance Laws, as it pertains to farm mutual insurance companies. The purpose of the Association is to insure its members against loss from hazards permitted to be insured against under the farm mutual laws and to distribute, on the mutual plan, such losses as may occur.

#### **CAPITAL AND SURPLUS**

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had surplus of \$1,960,937 and had 397 members (policyholders), who are the owners of the Company.

#### **TERRITORY AND PLAN OF OPERATION**

In accordance with the farm mutual laws, the Association may issue policies solely within the state of Indiana. As of December 31, 2009, the Company was transacting business in the Indiana counties of Greene, Knox, Sullivan, Daviess and Lawrence.

#### **GROWTH OF THE COMPANY**

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

		Admitted				Member	N	et Premium	Ne	t Losses
Yea	Year Assets		Liabilities		Surplus		Written		Paid	
200	9 \$	2,074,524	\$	113,587	\$	1,960,937	\$	148,124	\$	90,527
200	)8	1,922,494		109,291		1,813,203		120,018		52,755
200	07	2,081,873		114,430		1,967,443		139,138		23,285
200	06	1,899,983		98,584		1,801,399		122,756		75,044
200	5	1,751,537		93,895		1,657,643		134,159		43,449

In 2008, the Company reported approximately \$225,000 in investment losses. The substantial investment losses were the primary catalyst to the 2008 negative change in surplus.

#### **MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL**

#### Members

Members (policyholders) of the Association are considered its owners. An annual meeting of members is held on the third Tuesday in February of each year for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and addressing such other business as may come before the members. Each member is entitled to one vote for each issue where a vote is taken. Ten members are required for a quorum to be present.

#### Directors

The corporate powers of the Association are vested in a Board of Directors consisting of nine members. Directors serve a term of three years and are elected on a staggered basis at the annual meeting of members, three Directors are elected at each such meeting. The following persons were serving as directors at December 31, 2009:

Name of Director	Residence	Board Title
William Albrecht	Bicknell, IN	President
Bruce Pepmeier	Oaktown, IN	Vice President
Bill Brocksmith	Oaktown, IN	Member
Frank Buckthal	Edwardsport, IN	Member
Roger King	Freelandville, IN	Member
Terence Perkins	Oaktown, IN	Member
Paul Schroieder	Westphalia, IN	Member
Don Pieper	Bicknell, IN	Member
John Telligman	Oaktown, IN	Member

3

#### Officers

The officers of the Company consist of a president, a vice president and a secretary-treasurer. Officers are elected at the annual meeting of the Directors and serve for a term of one year. In addition to the officers noted above, Cindi Schuckman serves as secretary-treasurer of the Company.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Company requires Officers and Directors to review and sign Conflict of Interest Statements on an annual basis. Per review of the signed statements, it was noted that the Officers and Directors listed in the management and control section of this report had reviewed and signed their statements as of December 31, 2009.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

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 corporation and will not knowingly violate any of the laws applicable to such corporation. The Company had no signed Oath of Office statements for its Directors as of December 31, 2009. See the Summary of Significant Findings.

#### **CORPORATE RECORDS**

#### Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

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

#### **Minutes**

Minutes from the Board of Directors meetings and the annual meeting of the members were reviewed for the period under examination through the fieldwork date. Minutes documented the Board's oversight of operations. Board meetings were held in accordance with Company Bylaws.

#### **AFFILIATED COMPANIES**

The Company is owned by its members and has no affiliated companies.

#### FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE

The Company protects itself against loss from any fraudulent or dishonest acts by its employees through a fidelity bond issued by CNA Surety. The bond has blanket coverage of \$25,000. Based on the admitted assets and gross income of the Company, the prescribed minimum coverage specified by the NAIC should be \$50,000. The Company was notified of the minimum requirement and committed to immediately increasing the coverage. See the Summary of Significant Findings.

#### STATUTORY DEPOSITS

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

#### REINSURANCE

#### Reinsurance Assumed

The Company assumed no reinsurance during the exam period.

#### Reinsurance Ceded

The Company's reinsurance program is written through Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company (Grinnell) of Grinnell, Iowa, with stipulated terms listed below:

- *Individual occurrence of loss* Grinnell assumes liability over the Company's retention of \$50,000 per occurrence.
- Aggregate Excess Reinsurance Grinnell assumes liability when losses exceed the adjusted attachment point for aggregate net losses of \$77,455.

#### ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

The Company's accounting procedures, practices, account records and supporting data were reviewed and tested to the extent deemed necessary. The Company does not maintain a general ledger system, but does maintain excel spread sheets that include significant liability accounts, including unpaid claims and unearned premiums. In order to fulfill their reporting requirements, liabilities are periodically calculated, as needed, and incorporated into documents like the Annual Statements. Material balances reflected in the December 31, 2009 and 2008 Annual Statements were agreed to supporting documentation.

## Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association

## **Financial Statements**

# Assets, Liabilities and Surplus

Ac	ωf	Dece	mber	. 31.	2009

	As of December 51, 20				"			
	P	er Annual	]	Examination		Per	December 31, 2008	
		Statement		Adjustments	Ex	amination		
Assets:								
Bonds	\$	349,546	\$	-	\$	349,546	\$	385,655
Stocks - common		530,734		-		530,734		423,407
Bank balances		1,065,736		-		1,065,736		993,707
Collateral Loans		115,000		-		115,000		115,000
Real Estate		819		-		819		845
Cash in office		106		-		106		107
Unpaid Premiums		1,953		-		1,953		1,241
Accrued interest		10,630		-		10,630		2,532
Total Assets	\$	2,074,524	\$	_	\$	2,074,524	\$	1,922,494
					•			
Liabilities and Surplus								
Unpaid claims	\$	61,289	\$	-	\$	61,289		31,700
Less, reinsurance recoverable		(42,489)				(42,489)		<u>-</u>
Net unpaid claims		18,800		-		18,800		31,700
Ceded reinsurance balances payable		2,309		-		2,309		2,455
Interest due on borrowed money		1,314		-		1,314		1,190
Amounts witheld		686		-		686		715
Taxes payable		419		_		419		410
Other unpaid expenses		371		-		371		549
Premiums collected		823		-		823		606
Unearned premium reserve		88,865		-		88,865		71,666
Total liabilities		113,587		also a		113,587		109,291
Surplus		1,960,937		-		1,960,937		1,813,203
Total liabilities and surplus	\$	2,074,524	\$		\$	2,074,524	\$	1,922,494

## Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association

# **Financial Statements**

# **Statement of Income**

	]								
	Per An	nual	Examinatio	n		Per	December 31,		
	Statement		Adjustments		Exa	amination	2008		
Ledger assets, January 1,	\$ 2,06	6,300	\$	-	\$	2,066,300		1,981,133	
Income:									
Premiums, net of reinsurance	14	8,124				148,124		120,018	
Interest on investments	7	5,399				75,399		85,639	
Premiums collected for other companies	1	9,358				19,358		19,690	
Miscellaneous income		1,802				1,802		1,873	
Direct billed premium commissions		803			803			777	
Premiums Accrual	(1	1,239)			(11,239)			14,002	
Total income		4,247				234,247		241,999	
Disbursements:									
Losses, net of reinsurance	9	0,527		_		90,527		52,755	
Operating expenses	9	0,132				90,132		102,820	
Non-operating expenses	1	3,159				13,159		1,257	
Total disbursements		3,818				193,818		156,832	
Net income	4	0,429			******************************	40,429		85,167	
Ledger assets, December 31,	\$ 2,10	6,729	\$	<u>.</u>	\$ 2	2,106,729	\$	2,066,300	

#### **COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

No significant issues noted.

#### **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS**

- 1. As noted in the Oath of Office section of this report, the Company did not have signed Oath of Office statements on file. In accordance with IC 27-1-7-10(i), signed Oaths of Office statements should be obtained from Board members on an annual basis.
- 2. As noted in the Fidelity Bond section of this report, the Company's current bond does not meet minimum coverage requirements, as specified by the NAIC. The Company was notified of the minimum requirement and they committed to immediately increasing the coverage.

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant subsequent events were noted.

#### **MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION**

In support of contingencies and accuracy of information provided during the course of the examination, the Examiners obtained a completed management representation letter in the standard NAIC format. This letter was executed by key financial personnel of the Company and provided to the IDOI.

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

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 Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association, as of December 31, 2009.

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 2010 NAIC Financial Condition Examiner's 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 Widner Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of Indiana as of December 31, 2009, as determined by the undersigned.

James M. Kattman, CFE

Noble Consulting Services, Inc.

**SEAL** 

State of: County of:

day of Dovernoer 2010, before me personally appeared, James M. Kattman, to sign this document.

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 commission expires: 3/1/8 Wheli B. Mills Notary Public