

# STATE OF MISSOURI



## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0690

RE: Examination Report of Missouri State Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. for the period ended December 31, 2011

### ORDER

After full consideration and review of the report of the financial examination of Missouri State Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. for the period ended December 31, 2011, together with any written submissions or rebuttals and any relevant portions of the examiner's workpapers, I, John M. Huff, Director, Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration pursuant to section 380.061, RSMo [if Part I], or 380.491, RSMo [if Part II], adopt such report. After my consideration and review of such report are incorporated by reference and deemed to be my findings and conclusions to accompany this order.

Based on such findings and conclusions, I hereby ORDER Missouri State Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. to take the following action or actions, which I consider necessary to cure any violation of law, regulation or prior order of the Director revealed in such report: (1) implement, and verify compliance with, each item mentioned in the General Comments and/or Recommendations, if any, section of such report; (2) account for its financial condition and affairs in a manner consistent with the Director's findings and conclusions; and (3) submit a signed copy of the minutes of the meeting which reflect a corporate resolution to the effect the Examination Report has been reviewed and accepted.

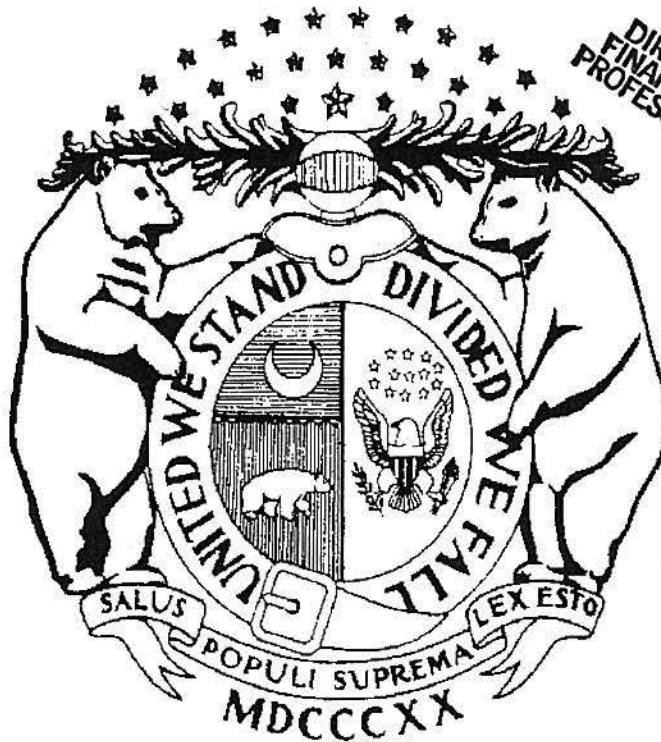
So ordered, signed and official seal affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.



John M. Huff, Director  
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions  
and Professional Registration

REPORT OF THE  
FINANCIAL EXAMINATION OF  
MISSOURI STATE MUTUAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 2011



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February 22, 2013  
Billings, Missouri

Honorable John M. Huff, Director  
Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial  
Institutions and Professional Registration  
301 West High Street, Room 530  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Sir:

In accordance with your examination warrant, a full-scope examination has been made of the records, affairs and financial condition of

**MISSOURI STATE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.**

hereinafter referred to as such, or as the "Company" or "Missouri State Mutual." The Company's administrative office is located at 118 S.W. Highway 60 (P.O. Box 40), Billings, Missouri 65610, telephone number (417) 744-2717. This examination began on February 19, 2013, and was concluded on February 22, 2013, and is respectfully submitted.

**SCOPE OF EXAMINATION**

**Period Covered**

The prior full-scope examination of the Company was made as of December 31, 2005, and was conducted by examiners from the State of Missouri. The current full-scope examination covers the period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2011, and was conducted by examiners from the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration (DIFP).

This examination also included material transactions and/or events occurring subsequent to the examination date, which are noted in this report.

**Procedures**

This examination was conducted using the guidelines set forth in the Financial Examiners Handbook of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), except where practices, procedures and applicable regulations of the DIFP and statutes of the State of Missouri prevailed.

## **Comments-Previous Examination Report**

There were no prior examination report comments or recommendations.

## **HISTORY**

### **General**

The Company was formed on July 25, 2003, as a result of the merger of Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Rockport, Missouri, into Vernon County Mutual Insurance Company. The surviving entity was renamed Missouri State Mutual Insurance Company on the date of the merger, and the home office was relocated to Billings, Missouri. Since that time, several mergers have occurred and in all instances, Missouri State Mutual remained as the surviving entity. On January 1, 2005, Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. Charles was merged into the Company. On January 1, 2007, Bates County Mutual Insurance Company was merged in to the Company. On September 30, 2008, Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Webster County was merged into the Company.

The Company has a Certificate of Authority dated April 3, 2008, and is covered by Sections 380.201 through 380.611 RSMo. (Extended Missouri Mutual Insurance Companies). The Company's Certificate of Authority is renewed annually.

### **Management**

In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the annual meeting of the Company's members is held on the second Thursday in February at the home office of the Company or at such other place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors at any time and shall be called upon petition of one-fourth of the members. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any membership meeting. Proxy voting is permitted.

The management of the Company is vested in the Board of Directors, who are elected from the general membership. The Board of Directors consists of nine members, serving staggered, three-year terms. All directors must be policyholders of the Company. The Board of Directors meets approximately nine times per year, and each director receives an annual retainer of \$1,000 and \$100 per meeting attended.

Members serving on the Board of Directors as of December 31, 2011, were as follows:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Term</u>
Charles Smith Galena, Missouri	Manager – Billings Mutual Insurance Company	2009-2012
Harold Hodges Sparta, Missouri	Insurance Agent	2009-2012
Ron Welch Republic, Missouri	Realtor	2010-2013
Wayne Eutsler Galena, Missouri	Retired	2011-2014
Andy Reavis Marionville, Missouri	Agents Manager – Billings Mutual Insurance Company	2010-2013
Robert Edwards Galena, Missouri	Insurance Agent	2009-2012
Connie Kennemer Springfield, Missouri	Retired	2011-2014
Andrew Bowles Miller, Missouri	Insurance Agent	2010-2013
Gary Fowler Sheldon, Missouri	Farmer	2011-2014

The Board of Directors appoints for a term of one year, the officers of the Company. The officers of the Company serving at December 31, 2011, were as follows:

Harold Hodges	President
Wayne Eutsler	Vice-President
Charles Smith	Secretary-Treasurer

### **Conflict of Interest**

The Company has written conflict of interest procedures for the disclosure of material conflicts of interest or affiliations by its directors and officers. The Company has its directors and officers sign conflict of interest statements on an annual basis. Four of the directors disclosed that they are also agents of the Company and/or other companies. All of the directors disclosed they are members of

Missouri Insurance Services, LLC (MIS), a services company that primarily acts as a general agent for the Company's agency force to facilitate the writing of coverages not offered by the Company through its reinsurer. The company also provides off-site data storage for the Billings Mutual Insurance Company (Billings Mutual) and manages the out-sourcing of Billings Mutual adjusting services to other mutuals. No other significant disclosures were noted.

### **Corporate Records**

A review was made of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Company. The Articles were amended in 2008 to expand the reference to the lines of business allowed to be written by the Company under its updated certificate of authority. The Bylaws were not amended during the examination period. The minutes of the membership and the Board of Directors' meetings were reviewed for the period under examination. The minutes and records of the Company appear to properly reflect corporate transactions and events.

### **FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE**

The Company is a named insured on a fidelity bond providing a limit of liability of \$150,000. The fidelity bond coverage of the Company meets the minimum amount suggested in the guidelines promulgated by the NAIC, which is \$100,000.

The Company carries liability coverage for its directors and officers. The Company utilizes an independent agency force and requires its agents to carry errors and omissions insurance. The Company also carries business owner's coverage on its home office and contents, as well as general and commercial umbrella liability coverages.

The insurance coverage appears adequate.

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

The Company has no employees. Company operations are facilitated under a management agreement with Billings Mutual Insurance Company (Billings Mutual). Under the agreement, Billings Mutual provides the Company with services including management, claims adjusting, inspection services, investment management, computer services, and postage and office supplies. In return for these services, the Company pays Billings Mutual 10% of direct written premium.

## INSURANCE PRODUCTS AND RELATED PRACTICES

### Territory and Plan of Operations

The Company is licensed by the DIFP as an Extended Missouri Mutual Insurance Company operating under Sections 380.201 through 380.611 RSMo. (Extended Missouri Mutual Insurance Companies). The Company writes fire, wind, and liability coverages. The Company's policies are marketed by 211 independent agencies. Commissions are tiered based upon production levels and policy type, and range from 8% to 15% of premium written.

### Policy Forms and Underwriting Practices

The Company utilizes AAIS, Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, MAMIC and custom policy forms. Policies are renewed annually. Renewal billings are mailed directly to the insured. Property inspections and claims adjusting are performed by Billings Mutual inspector/adjusters under the terms of the aforementioned management agreement. Rates are determined by the Board of Directors.

## GROWTH AND LOSS EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPANY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Admitted Assets</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Gross Premiums</u>	<u>Gross Losses</u>	<u>Investment Income</u>	<u>Underwriting Income</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
2011	\$5,893,439	\$ 116,511	\$2,069,761	\$1,151,438	\$ 98,581	\$ (77,040)	\$63,677
2010	5,989,966	272,519	1,909,955	454,124	80,694	25,367	163,500
2009	5,697,193	106,361	1,861,753	1,730,774	114,912	(184,115)	2,939
2008	5,715,189	129,952	1,809,670	2,496,872	193,402	(225,230)	20,050
2007	5,028,532	83,646	1,825,784	1,687,484	206,851	(326,402)	(49,695)
2006	3,021,280	18,558	527,780	527,108	114,283	2,027	100,222

At year-end 2011, 2,967 policies were in force.



## REINSURANCE

### General

The Company's reinsurance premium activity on a direct-written, assumed and ceded basis for the period under examination is shown below:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Direct	\$ 527,780	\$ 1,825,784	\$ 1,809,670	\$ 1,861,753	\$ 1,909,955	\$ 2,069,761
Assumed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ceded	<u>(177,998)</u>	<u>(742,313)</u>	<u>(807,175)</u>	<u>(841,786)</u>	<u>(962,400)</u>	<u>(685,003)</u>
Net	<u>\$ 349,782</u>	<u>\$ 1,083,471</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,495</u>	<u>\$ 1,019,967</u>	<u>\$ 947,555</u>	<u>\$ 1,384,758</u>

### Assumed

The Company does not reinsure other companies.

### Ceded

The Company has all of its reinsurance through Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company (the reinsurer) under an individual occurrence of loss with aggregate excess plan reinsurance agreement for property risks.

Under the individual occurrence of loss excess portion of the agreement, the Company retains \$75,000 for each loss occurrence and the reinsurer's limits are \$1,000,000 per exposure.

Under the aggregate excess portion of the agreement, the Company's annual aggregate net retention, or attachment point, is based upon the Company's five-year average fire loss ratio plus a load, which is mutually agreed upon. The reinsurer is liable for 100% of losses in excess of this retention. The attachment point for 2011 was \$873,214.

Under the facultative reinsurance portion of the agreement the Company may cede to the reinsurer risks that exceed the individual risk limits outlined in the agreement. Rates are determined by the reinsurer on an individual basis.

The agreement also provides reinsurance for liability coverages. The Company cedes 100% of liability premiums and losses to the reinsurer and receives a 20% ceding commission.

The Company is contingently liable for all reinsurance losses ceded to others. This contingent liability would become an actual liability in the event that any assuming reinsurer should fail to perform its obligations under its reinsurance agreement with the Company.

## **ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS**

The accounting records are maintained by the Company on an accrual basis. The Company utilizes Rural Computer Consultants, Inc. accounting and policy maintenance software. The CPA firm of Marberry & Eagle, PC, performs an annual audit of the Company's financial statements and prepares the annual statement and tax filings.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following financial statements, with supporting exhibits, present the financial condition of the Company for the period ending December 31, 2011, and the results of operations for the year then ended. Any examination adjustments to the amounts reported in the Annual Statement and/or comments regarding such are made in the "Notes to the Financial Statements," which follow the Financial Statements. (The failure of any column of numbers to add to its respective total is due to rounding or truncation.)

There may have been differences found in the course of this examination, which are not shown in the "Notes to the Financial Statements." These differences were determined to be immaterial, concerning their effect on the financial statements. Therefore, they were communicated to the Company and noted in the workpapers for each individual annual statement item.

**ASSETS**  
**December 31, 2011**

Bonds	\$ 1,355,464
Stocks	1,500
Real Estate	34,207
Cash on Deposit	4,429,001
Premiums Uncollected	947
Reinsurance Recoverable on Paid Losses	8,053
Computer Equipment	1,129
Federal Income Taxes Recoverable	63,138
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Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 5,893,439</u></u>

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS**  
**December 31, 2011**

Ceded Reinsurance Premium Payable	\$ 65,923
Accounts Payable to Agents	44,196
Accrued Taxes	6,392
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Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 116,511</u>
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Guaranty Fund	\$ 150,000
Other Surplus	5,626,928
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Total Surplus	5,776,928
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Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u><u>\$ 5,893,439</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF INCOME**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2011**

Net Premiums Earned	\$ 1,384,758
Other Insurance Income	51,831
Net Losses & Loss Adjusting Expenses Incurred	(850,587)
Other Underwriting Expenses Incurred	(663,042)
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Net Underwriting Income (Loss)	\$ (77,040)
Net Investment Income	98,581
Other Income	34,840
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Gross Profit (Loss)	\$ 56,381
Federal Income Tax	7,296
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Net Income (Loss)	\$ 63,677
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**CAPITAL AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT**  
**December 31, 2011**

Policyholders' Surplus, December 31, 2010	\$ 5,717,447
Net Income (Loss)	63,677
Unrealized Gain on Investments	(4,196)
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Policyholders' Surplus, December 31, 2011	\$ 5,776,928
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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

There were no notes to the financial statements.

## **EXAMINATION CHANGES**

There were no examination changes.

## **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

None.

## **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Effective January 1, 2013, Missouri State Mutual Insurance Company was merged into the Billings Mutual Insurance Company, with Billings Mutual being the surviving entity.


**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The assistance and cooperation extended by the employees of Missouri State Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. during the course of this examination is hereby acknowledged and appreciated.

**VERIFICATION**

State of Missouri       )  
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County of Cole         )

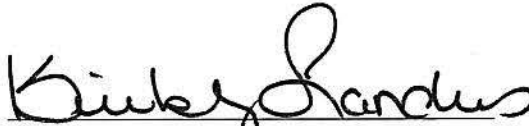
I, Shannon W. Schmoeger on my oath swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above examination report is true and accurate and is comprised of only the facts appearing upon the books, records or other documents of the company, its agents or other persons examined or as ascertained from the testimony of its officers or agents or other persons examined concerning its affairs and such conclusions and recommendations as the examiners find reasonably warranted from the facts.

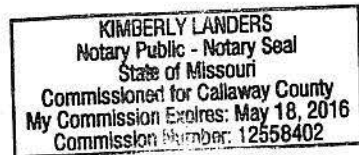
  
Shannon W. Schmoeger, CFE  
Financial Examiner  
Missouri DIFP

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

My commission expires:


May 18, 2016

  
Notary Public



**SUPERVISION**

The examination process has been monitored and supervised by the undersigned. The examination report and supporting workpapers have been reviewed and approved. Compliance with NAIC procedures and guidelines as contained in the Financial Condition Examiners Handbook has been confirmed.

  
Mark Nance, CFE, CPA  
Audit Manager – Kansas City  
Missouri DIFP