BEFORE THE STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS v. * Case No. 12-LS-03 * Gary Lane Respondent *

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors ("Board") based upon Gary Lane's ("Respondent") application for reinstatement of his land surveyors's license. The Board was unable to approve the application, and offered the Respondent a hearing on the matter before the Board. However, the Board and the Respondent have decided to resolve this matter by consent, and herewith agree to the entry of this <u>Consent Order</u> as the final settlement of this case.

IT IS STIPULATED BY THE PARTIES THAT:

- 1. The Respondent was licensed by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors ("Board") to practice engineering in the State under License No. 09-574. The Respondent's license to practice expired on March 21, 2011.
- 2. The Respondent did not apply to renew the license until on or about July 7, 2011, and engaged in the practice of land surveying in the State of Maryland and signed documents as a land surveyor for projects in Maryland during the period in which his license was lapsed.
- 3. The Respondent acknowledges that his conduct was in violation of the requirements for licensure to practice in Maryland, and specifically was in violation of the requirements for licensure under Section 15-301, Business Occupations and Professions ("BOP") Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- 4. The Respondent did not realize that he did not have a current and valid license, and did not intend to violate BOP Article, Sections 15-301, or 15-601, Annotated Code of Maryland, or any other statutes or rules of the Board regarding licensure to

practice.

- 5. The Respondent agrees to abide by the Maryland Professional Land Surveyors Act, BOP Article, Sections 15-101 *et. seq.*, and the regulations of the Board in future practice.
- 6. The Respondent specifically acknowledges and agrees to comply with Code of Maryland Regulation ("COMAR") 09.13.06.12H, which provides:

When signing and sealing surveying documents, a licensee shall indicate the license expiration date on the documents before submitting them in accordance with requirements set forth in Business Occupations and Professions Article, Section 15-502(a), Annotated Code of Maryland.

7. The Respondent agrees to pay the civil fine of \$100 according to the terms of this Consent Order and further agrees that should he fail to pay the installments or fine as set out in the Consent Order, his license will be suspended by the Board until such time as he has paid the fine in full or otherwise complied with the terms of the Consent Order.

BASED ON THE STIPULATIONS OF THIS CONSENT ORDER AND THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS MATTER, IT IS THIS THE MAY of August, 2011, BY THE STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, ORDERED:

That, in consideration of the particular facts and circumstances of this case, the Respondent pay a fine in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in connection with this matter; and that the fine will be paid in six (6) monthly installments beginning with the first installment paid at the time the Respondent signs this Consent Order; and, it is further **ORDERED**,

That upon the Respondent's payment of the first installment of the \$100 fine, the Respondent's application for reinstatement of his land surveyor's license shall be approved without disciplinary action, and his license to practice in the State reinstated without any further action; and,

That should the Respondent fail to pay the fine as provided for and in the manner described in this Consent Order, the Respondent's license to practice will be suspended automatically by the Board until such time as the Respondent has paid the fine in full or otherwise complied with the terms of this Consent Order; and,



That the records of the Board reflect that this matter was resolved by Consent Order between the parties.

Gary Lane, Respondent

Date: 08/19/1/

Chair

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