

BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:
Jerry Heath
Land Surveyor
Registration No. 45835

Case No.: P23-049

CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

Respondent

In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, Jerry Heath ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 45835, and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.
- 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case. He further acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives his right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.
- 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.

- 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.
- 5. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are public records upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be retained in the Board's files pertaining to this matter.
- 6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number P23-049 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.
- 8. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, he may not revoke his acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing.
- 10. This Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its authority to hold a

formal administrative hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(E). In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.

- 11. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under A.R.S. § 32-150.
- 13. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of Land Surveying in the State of Arizona.
 - 2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Land Surveyor Registration No. 45835.
- 3. On or about January 4, 2022, Respondent prepared an ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 4. On November 21, 2022, the Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent conducted an ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey in Maricopa County, Arizona that does not meet the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards. It is alleged that Respondent found several monuments with no tag, but did not add his tag to the monuments, some of the curves are non-tangent but there is sufficient curve information to allow a closure of lots, found monuments that are not of record but did ot file a record of survey, most of the boundary is no monumented, surveyed centerline street monuments bud did not tie them to the boundary in a surveyable manner, Maricopa

County is not in the state of California as stated in several places on the survey drawing, there is no "Base and" in the Gila and Salt River Meridian.

- 5. On July 20, 2023, an Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting ("EAC") convened to review the complaint against Respondent. The Committee determined that Respondent failed to conduct a land survey in accordance with the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards ("ABSMS"), in that the following deficiencies were found in his survey:
 - a. The Committee found that Respondent failed to add his own tag to the monuments that were not tagged.
 - b. The Committee found that Respondent failed to record the survey within ninety days as required. In addition, the Committee noted that the survey was not recorded until after the complaint was filed.
 - c. The Committee found that Respondent missed corners that had to be reset.
- 6. During the EAC Meeting, Respondent acknowledged the allegations and indicated that he was responsible for completing the survey correctly and for the seal.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.
- 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(13), in that Respondent failed to conduct a land boundary in accordance with the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards.
- 3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. 33-105(A) and A.R.S. 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(4), in that Respondent failed to file a record of a land survey not later than ninety days after its completion with the county recorder where the land is located if such survey establishes points or lines relating to land boundaries or property lines.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

- 1. LETTER OF REPRIMAND. Respondent is hereby issued a Letter of Reprimand.
- 2. STAYED SUSPENSION/PROBATION. Respondent's registration as a Registered Land Surveyor, Registration No. 45835, shall be suspended for six (6) months; however, the suspension is stayed for as long as Respondent remains in compliance with this Order. During the stay of suspension, Respondent's registration as a Registered Land Surveyor is placed on probation for six (6) months. If Respondent is non-compliant with any terms of this Order during the six (6) months stayed suspension/probation period, the stay of the suspension shall be lifted and Respondent's registration as a Registered Land Surveyor shall be automatically suspended without a formal hearing, and remain suspended until Respondent is compliant with all terms of this Order. If Respondent completes all terms of this Order prior to the six (6) months stayed suspension/probation period. Respondent may seek an early termination of this Order by requesting a formal review by the Board.
- 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within Six (6) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.
- 4. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay the cost of investigation of this case to the Board in the amount of Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$519.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H).
- 5. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, as well as, all rules governing the practice of Land Surveyor in the State of Arizona.

The Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the rules and statues governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration. The Board may also consider Respondent's non-compliance with this Order as a separate violation of A.R.S. § 32-150.

- 6. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Respondent shall timely renew their Arizona registration as a Land Surveyor, and timely pay all required registration fees.
- 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.
- 8. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- 9. NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board, after giving notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against the registration. The issue at such a hearing will be limited solely to whether this Order has been violated.

ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 72 day of All 197, 2023

Jack Gilmore, L.A., Chairman Arizona State Board of

Technical Registration

Consent Agreement and Order, No. P23-049 accepted this / day of

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