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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING
BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MICHAEL H. BRIDWELL, :
RESPONDENT. :

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 ENG 053

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Michael H. Bridwell
838 Sauk Ridge Trail
Madison, WI 53717

The Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects,
Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land
Surveyors
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Michael H. Bridwell (DOB 07/23/1955) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as a Professional Engineer, having certificate of registration number 21504-6, first issued on May 28, 1982 and current through July 31, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on

file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 838 Sauk Ridge Trail, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.

2. In 2014, the Department initiated an audit of registered Professional Engineer professional development/continuing education (P.D./C.E.) for the 2012-2014 biennial registration period (August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2014).

3. Pursuant to the Department's audit, Respondent was found to be noncompliant with the P.D./C.E. requirements for registered Professional Engineers in the 2012-2014 biennial registration period. Respondent submitted adequate verification of completion for 10 professional development hours or equivalent continuing education units (P.D.H./C.E.U) during that time period. Respondent also submitted calendar appointments for 6.5 P.D.H./C.E.U; however, these hours were not accepted because calendar appointments do not meet the Sections requirements for recordkeeping.

4. Respondent indicated this error was due to a recordkeeping oversight.

5. Between December 15, 2014 and May 14, 2015, Respondent completed 26 approved P.D.H./C.E.U., 18 of which were applied retroactively to Respondent's P.D./C.E. requirements for the 2012-2014 biennial registration period. The courses taken by Respondent were:

- a. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering: "Civil & Environmental Engineering Capstone Course" (participation as a Judge, 2014 Fall Semester) (6 hours).
- b. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering: "Civil & Environmental Engineering Capstone Course" (participation as a Mentor, 2015 Spring Semester) (12 hours of 20 hours).

6. Respondent indicated a willingness to complete the missing 2 hours in the area of professional conduct and ethics.

7. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 13.07(1) by failing to maintain records of his P.D.H./C.E.U. earned for a minimum of the three most recent biennia on a form approved by the professional engineer section.

3. As a result of the above violation, Respondent has engaged in misconduct in the practice of professional engineering as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.03(3)(a) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(d).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Michael H. Bridwell is REPRIMANDED.
3. The Professional Engineer certificate of registration issued to Michael H. Bridwell (credential number 21504-6) is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete 2 hours of approved P.D.H./C.E.U. in the area of professional conduct and ethics, pertinent to the practice of Professional Engineering, in accordance with the requirements specified in Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 13.03.
 - b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered P.D.H./C.E.U. in the form of verification from the institution providing the P.D.H./C.E.U. to the Department Monitor at the address stated below.
 - c. The P.D.H./C.E.U. completed pursuant to this Order may not be used to satisfy any other Professional Engineer P.D./C.E. requirements with the Section.
 - d. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's certification of registration and Respondent will be granted full, unrestricted registration after satisfying the Section or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered P.D.H./C.E.U.
4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$390.
5. Any P.D.H./C.E.U. listed above in Finding of Fact paragraph 5, that were completed and applied retroactively to Respondent's P.D./C.E. requirements for the 2012-2014 biennium, may not be used to satisfy any other registered Professional Engineer P.D./C.E. requirements with the Section.
6. Proof of successful completion of the ordered P.D.H./C.E.U. and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

7. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered P.D.H./C.E.U. as set forth above, Respondent's certificate of registration (no. 21504-6) may, in the discretion of the Section, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs and completion of the ordered P.D.H./C.E.U.

8. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD
OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

by: 
A Member of the Section

21-26-16
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING
BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
DESIGNERS, AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : STIPULATION
MICHAEL H. BRIDWELL, :
RESPONDENT. :
 : 0004678

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 ENG 053

Respondent Michael H. Bridwell and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance,
Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the
Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this
investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily
and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has
the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by
subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral
arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution,
the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code,
and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has
been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

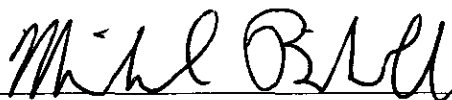
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by
the Professional Engineer Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape
Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The
parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without
further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to
any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Michael H. Bridwell, Respondent
838 Sauk Ridge Trail
Madison, WI 53717
Registration no. 21504-6

4.15.16

Date



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Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

4/15/2016

Date