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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

DOUGLAS L. WEINKAUF, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 ENG 004

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

Douglas L. Weinkauf 3837 N. 6th St. Wausau, WI 54403

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 Douglas L. Weinkauf (DOB 11/06/1953) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as a Professional Engineer, having certificate of registration number 20488-6, first issued on February 27, 1981, and current through July 31, 2018. Respondent's most recent

address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 3837 North 6th Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

- 2. On May 22, 2017, Respondent pled guilty to and was convicted of Bank Fraud, a Class B felony, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344, in United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Case Number 16-CR-86.
- 3. The Information alleged that from on or about September 29, 2009, to on or about August 6, 2013, Respondent, as President of WI Rapids Grain, LLC, engaged in a scheme to defraud Peoples State Bank. Respondent provided Peoples State Bank with fraudulent warehouse grain keeper receipts as collateral for loan funds, knowing that WI Rapids Grain, LLC lacked adequate corn and soybean reserves to provide collateral for the loans received.
- 4. Respondent was sentenced to 36 months imprisonment and three years supervised release, and was ordered to pay restitution of \$13,240,643.20.
- 5. On May 25, 2017, Respondent reported his felony conviction to the Department. Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 ENG 004 was subsequently opened for investigation.
- 6. 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 8.09(2) by engaging in conduct that adversely affected his fitness to practice professional engineering.
- 3. As a result of the above violations, Douglas L. Weinkauf is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(e) and (f).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Respondent Douglas L. Weinkauf's Professional Engineer certificate of registration (number 20488-6) is ACCEPTED.
- 3. Respondent shall not attempt to reinstate or renew his license for a period of four (4) years following the date of this Order.
 - 4. Should Respondent attempt to reinstate or renew his license:

- a. Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$474, before any such reinstatement or renewal may be considered.
- b. Respondent shall successfully complete during the biennial period immediately preceding the application, the P.D./C.E. requirements specified in Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 13.03(1). Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the P.D.H./C.E.U. with the application. Any P.D.H./C.E.U. completed pursuant to this limitation may not be used to satisfy any other registered Professional Engineer P.D./C.E. requirements with the Section.
- c. The Section may determine whether and under what terms and conditions such certificate of registration may be granted.
- 5. 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: $\frac{2m}{\text{A Member of the Section}}$ $\frac{L-25-18}{\text{Date}}$

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DOUGLAS L. WEINKAUF, RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 ENG 004

Respondent Douglas L. Weinkauf 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney John R. Shull, Jr.
- 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.

Deiglas L. Weinkauf, Respondent

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May 31, 2018

June 15, 2018

Date