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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JAMES R. LIEBAERT, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 APP 040

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

James R. Liebaert 1710 N. 52nd St. Superior, WI 54880-5881

Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance 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 Real Estate Appraisers Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent James R. Liebaert (DOB July 18, 1947) is licensed by the State of Wisconsin as a Certified Residential Appraiser, having certificate of licensure and certification number 1685-9, first issued on April 10, 2008 and current through December 14, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1710 North 52nd Street, Superior, Wisconsin 54880-5881.
- 2. On or about September 10, 2018, the Department received notice from the Appraisal Subcommittee that Respondent had voluntarily surrendered his Minnesota appraiser credential. Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Number 18 APP 040 was subsequently opened for investigation.

3. On January 10, 2019, a Department investigator spoke with Respondent who indicated that he is retired and wishes to voluntarily surrender his credential.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 458.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Respondent James R. Liebaert's Certified Residential Appraiser certificate of licensure and certification (number 1685-9) is ACCEPTED.
- 3. This surrender constitutes Respondent's permanent relinquishment his Certified Residential Appraiser certificate of licensure and certification and his right to practice appraising in the state of Wisconsin. The Board will not, at any time in the future, process or otherwise consider an application or attempt at renewal by Respondent of credentials necessary to practice appraising in the state of Wisconsin.
 - 4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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by:

A Member of the Board

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STIPULATION

JAMES R. LIEBAERT, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 APP 040

Respondent James R. Liebaert 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 Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board (Board). 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 Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, 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 Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board 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 Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board 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 Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board'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 Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

James R. Liebaert, Respondent

1710 N. 52nd St.

Superior, WI 54880-5881 Credential no. 1685-9

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1/24/2019 Date

Date

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