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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

PATRICK C. GOBB AND
NEWFIELDS ENVIRONMENTAL &
ENGINEERING, LLC,
RESPONDENTS.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0006914

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 ENG 014

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

Patrick C. Gobb
Frisco, TX 75034

NewFields Environmental & Engineering, LLC
Addison, TX 75001

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Patrick C. Gobb (dob xx/xx/1964) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as a professional engineer, having certificate of registration number 46865-6, first issued on February 1, 2019 and current through July 31, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Frisco, Texas 75034.
2. Respondent NewFields Environmental & Engineering, LLC is authorized by the State of Wisconsin as a engineering corporation, having certificate of authorization number 4620-11, first issued on March 12, 2019 and current through January 31, 2022. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is in Addison, Texas 75001.
3. Respondent Patrick C. Gobb is identified in Department records as the responsible licensee in charge of Respondent NewFields Environmental & Engineering, LLC (NewFields).
4. On July 29, 2019, the Department received a self-reported complaint from Respondents stating that Respondents had received discipline in other states related to their engineering credentials. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) subsequently opened Case Number 19 ENG 014 for investigation.
5. On March 15, 2014, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (Louisiana Board) disciplined Respondent NewFields for working on 38 engineering projects while its Louisiana Certificate of Authorization (COA) was expired. The Louisiana Board ordered Respondent NewFields to pay a fine of \$3,450, administrative costs of \$440.75, and past due renewal fees of \$510. The Louisiana Board also required that Respondent NewFields' supervising professional, Jason O. Kendrick, III, pass the online Louisiana Laws and Rules quiz with a score of at least ninety percent.
6. On March 8, 2019, Respondent Gobb completed a Wisconsin COA application for Respondent NewFields. Question number 2 of the application asked "Has any licensing or other credentialing agency ever taken any disciplinary action against the firm, partnership or corporation or any of its officers, including but not limited to any warning, reprimand, suspension, probation, limitation, or revocation?" In response to this question, Respondent Gobb answered "No".
7. In a letter to the Department dated April 18, 2019, Respondent Gobb stated that he had inadvertently failed to report the discipline taken by the Louisiana Board on Respondent NewFields' Wisconsin COA application. Respondent Gobb also stated that Respondent NewFields had provided seven Spill, Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans for sites in Wisconsin before Respondent NewFields was licensed in Wisconsin.
8. On July 11, 2019, the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Oklahoma Board) disciplined Respondents for failing to report the discipline from the Louisiana Board on Respondent NewFields' Oklahoma COA application, and for completing 83 SPCC plans in Oklahoma without an Oklahoma COA. The Oklahoma Board fined Respondent NewFields \$7,500 and ordered Respondent NewFields to cease and

desist from practicing in Oklahoma until Respondent NewFields had an Oklahoma COA. Respondent Gobb was fined \$7,500.

9. On July 29, 2019, Respondents reported to the Department that they had been disciplined by the Oklahoma Board.

10. In resolution of this matter, Respondents consent 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, Respondents violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.08(4) by failing to notify the Department within 48 hours of being disciplined for unprofessional conduct in another state.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondents violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.09(1) by failing to comply with all state codes which relate to the practice of professional engineering.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondents engaged in misconduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 8.03(3)(a) by violating federal or state laws, local ordinances or administrative rules relating to the practice of professional engineering.

5. As a result of the above violations, Respondents are subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(d) and (e).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Patrick C. Gobb is REPRIMANDED.

3. Respondent NewFields Environmental & Engineering, LLC is REPRIMANDED.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Patrick C. Gobb shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$398.00.

5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent NewFields Environmental & Engineering, LLC shall pay one-half of the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$398.00.

6. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondents 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

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System
at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov/>

7. In the event Respondents violate any term of this Order, Respondents' credentials (numbers 46865-6 and 4620-11), or Respondents' right to renew their credentials, may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondents have complied with the terms of the Order. The Section may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

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

23 July 2020

Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 00069 14

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 ENG 014

Respondents Patrick C. Gobb and NewFields Environmental & Engineering, LLC 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. Respondents consent to the resolution of this
investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondents understand that by signing this Stipulation, Respondents voluntarily
and knowingly waive the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondents, 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 Respondents;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondents' behalf and to compel their attendance by
subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondents' 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 Respondents under the United States Constitution,
the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code,
and other provisions of state or federal law.
3. Respondents are aware of Respondents' right to seek legal representation and
have been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
4. Respondents agree 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. Respondents waive 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 Respondents, 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. Respondents are 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 Respondents in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Patrick C. Gobb, Respondent
Frisco, TX 75034
Credential No. 46865-6

6/15/2020

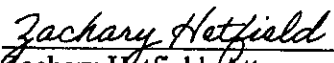
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NewFields Environmental & Engineering, LLC, Respondent
By: Patrick C. Gobb, Responsible Licensee
Addison, TX 75001
Credential No. 4620-11

6/15/2020

Date



Zachary Hetfield, Attorney
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
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06/23/2020

Date