

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**

**Complainant:** )  
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Arkansas State Board of Licensure for )  
Professional Engineers and Professional )  
Surveyors )  
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**Respondent:** )  
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William R. Gipson )  
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**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter “the Board”) and the Respondent agree as follows in full settlement of this matter.

**ALLEGATIONS OF FACT**

F1. The Respondent has obtained certification as both a Surveyor Intern and Professional Surveyor (No. 1170) from the Board, and the Board has jurisdiction over his conduct.

F2. The Respondent did not renew his professional surveyor’s license with the Board on June 30, 2012.

F3. On September 10, 2014, Board staff received an application from the Respondent seeking to reinstate his license. Information in the application indicated that the failure to renew was the result of a “big mistake”. The continuing education log



furnished with the application reported 48 hours earned from July 2012 to June 2014 for reading 2 surveyor magazines each month.

F.4. At its November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board failed to approve the reinstatement application and referred it instead to the Complaint Committee to investigate whether the applicant practiced during the period the license was lapsed, whether the reported continuing education was proper and to investigate the Respondent's past survey filing practices.

F.5. In the subsequent investigation, the Respondent has reported that he performed surveying work during the period that his license was lapsed.

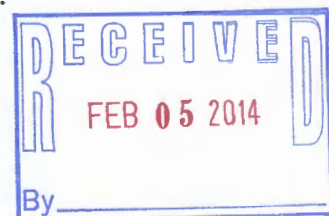
F.6. The Respondent has also reported that he stopped filing surveys with the State Surveyor's office in 2007, and has subsequently submitted 93 surveys completed from 2007 to the present to the State Surveyor's office for filing.

### **POTENTIAL CHARGES**

C1. The Respondent's conduct, as outlined in paragraph F3, constitutes the unauthorized practice of surveying while the professional surveyor's license is suspended, revoked, non-renewed, or inactive in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-48-205 (a)(I).

C2. The Respondent's conduct, as outlined in paragraphs F2 and F4, constitutes the incompleteness of the requirements for licensure, in violation of the Rules of the Board Article 8 (F) (b) and Arkansas Code Annotated §17-48-102(b)(1)(B)

C3. The Respondent's conduct, as outlined in paragraphs F5, constitutes the failure to file boundary surveys, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-48-106(d).



**AGREEMENT**

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement, consistent with the public interest and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of these matters presently before the Board.

1. The Respondent has been afforded an opportunity to obtain legal counsel and has chosen to proceed, with the understanding that the facts and conduct described above in the Allegations of Fact are admitted.

2. In lieu of a formal hearing, the Respondent agrees to the following Penalty and waives all rights to a hearing, appeal or judicial review relating to the this Consent Agreement.

3. The Respondent understands that all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board concerning these allegations and all notices and pleadings relating thereto may be retained in the Board's file concerning this matter.

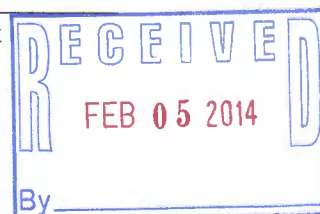
**PENALTY**

For the violations described in the Charges above, the Respondent shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) and is required to provide proof of thirty (30) hours of Continuing Professional Competency Training prior to applying for reinstatement of his professional surveyor license. Respondent must file all completed boundary surveys with the Arkansas State Surveyor's Office.

**AGREED TO BY:**

*Willie D. Mize*

Signature of the Respondent



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 2015



Ember Anderson  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 10-13-2024

AGREED TO BY:

[Signature]

Steve Haralson, Executive Director  
Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional  
Engineers and Professional Surveyors

