



**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS
DISCIPLINARY REPORT DECEMBER 2017**

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN F. WATSON AND JOHN F. WATSON & COMPANY

Summary: In January, 2017, the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions received a Report of Alleged Violation regarding John F. Watson and John F. Watson & Company. That report alleged that both Mr. Watson and the Company had engaged in and provided land surveying work in the State of Kansas for a project known as the Reading Wind Farm Project which was located in Lyon and Osage Counties.

Board Action: The Board, John F. Watson and John F. Watson & Company resolved this matter by way of a Settlement Agreement & Consent Order which contained the following terms:

1. The Respondent, John F. Watson shall immediately conform his land surveying practices to generally accepted land surveying practices in the State of Kansas and the minimum standards for boundary surveys.
2. The Respondent, John F. Watson shall participate in one additional continuing education seminar relating to the minimum standards for land surveying practices as required by the Board and provide written proof of his attendance at said seminar.
3. John F. Watson shall pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000 and one-half of the Board's expenses and attorney fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$2,250 for a total fine and expenses of \$7,250.
4. The Respondent John F. Watson and Company shall immediately conform its land surveying practice to generally accepted land surveying practices in the State of Kansas and the minimum standards for boundary surveys.
5. The Respondent John F. Watson & Company shall pay a fine in the amount of \$500 and a portion of the Board's expenses in the amount of \$2,250 for a total payment of \$2,750.

Status: The fine and costs have been paid in full.

IN THE MATTER OF DAN SCALES

Summary: During the year 2013 Dan Scales, who was a contractor held himself out as a licensed architect when he constructed a commercial building from simple preliminary drawings without construction detailing or notes relating to materials or code items and which clearly indicated on the coversheet that the drawings were not architectural drawings. In the course of designing and constructing the facility and in the absence of architecturally prepared construction documents, Mr. Scales made decisions regarding building materials and construction details which would typically be made and/or prepared by an architect. Furthermore, in the course of the construction of the commercial facility, Mr. Scales made architectural design decisions which impacted on the safety or lack of safety to both the potential occupants of the facility and/or the public since the facility was a commercial facility which would be open for use by the public.

Board Action: The Board and Mr. Scales resolved this matter by way of a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order which contained the following provisions:

1. Mr. Scales shall immediately cease and desist practicing, offering to practice or holding himself out as authorized to practice the technical profession of architecture in Kansas until he is licensed to do so.
2. Mr. Scales shall pay a fine of \$5,000 in this matter and \$2,000 of the Board's expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter for a total of \$7,000.

Status: The fine and costs have been paid in full.

IN THE MATTER OF TIMOTHY LEBLANC

Summary: The Respondent Timothy LeBlanc was initially licensed as an engineer in Kansas on February 1, 1996. On April 30, 2012, the license was not renewed by Mr. LeBlanc and was cancelled by the Board. Subsequent to cancellation of his license Mr. LeBlanc continued to both offer and provide engineering services to the public and in doing so signed and sealed with his expired seal structural, mechanical and electrical designs, calculations and construction details for multiple engineering projects in Kansas.

Board Action: The Board and Mr. LeBlanc resolved this matter by way of a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order which contained the following provisions:

1. Mr. LeBlanc will immediately cease and desist from offering to provide or providing engineering services in the State of Kansas until such time as he has obtained a current license to practice engineering in Kansas.

2. Mr. LeBlanc shall pay a fine in the amount of 10,000 and the Board's costs and attorney fees in the prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$1,500 for a total fine and costs of \$11,500.

Status: The fine and costs have been paid in full. Mr. LeBlanc's license to practice engineering in the State of Kansas has not been renewed and he is, therefore, not authorized to provide engineering services in the State of Kansas at this time.