

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

In the Matter of Unlicensed Practice as a
Professional Land Surveyor and
Professional Engineer of:

Kent Huxel, doing business as Geomatic
Precision Systems LLC and Kent Huxel
Engineering,

Respondent.

No. 2021-08-2070-00LSV
2022-10-1445-00LSV

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
PERMANENT ORDER TO CEASE
AND DESIST
-DEFAULT

TO: Kent Huxel

Pursuant to RCW 18.235.150, a Notice of Intent to Issue a Permanent Cease and Desist Order (Notice) was issued by the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board) on November 2, 2022. The Notice alleged violations of RCW 18.235.010, RCW 18.43.105(2), (5), (9), and (10), RCW 18.43.120, and RCW 18.235.130(15), in that Respondent is engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional engineering and professional land surveying in the state of Washington. In accordance with RCW 34.05, the Notice notified Respondent that he had a right to a hearing to contest the entry of a Final Order. The respondent did not request a hearing within the statutory twenty days and failure to do so results in a default

and waiver of Respondent's right to a hearing and an informal disposition of Respondent's case as authorized by Chapter 18.235 RCW.

The Board, having considered the evidence in this matter, finds the following:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1.1 The Respondent did not request a hearing within twenty (20) days of service of the Notice of Intent to Issue a Cease and Desist Order.

1.2 Kent Huxel, Respondent, is not licensed as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 18.235 RCW.

1.3 On November 2, 2022, the Board issued a Notice of Intent to Issue a Permanent Cease and Desist Order, to the Respondent.

1.4 Respondent has failed to obtain a professional engineering or professional land surveying license and has failed to notify the Board that he has ceased engaging in the unlicensed practice of engineering and land surveying in the state of Washington.

From the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following conclusions:

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2.1 The Respondent failed to request a hearing.

2.2 The Respondent was duly served with a copy of the Notice of Intent to Issue a Cease and Desist Order, which contained a short and plain statement of matters asserted and notified the Respondent of his right to request a hearing pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW.

2.3 Respondent is not a licensed professional engineer or professional land surveyor and Respondent has not notified the Board that he has ceased engaging in the unlicensed practice of engineering and land surveying in the state of Washington.

2.4 The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding. RCW 18.235.150.

2.5 The Respondent has violated RCW 18.43.105(2), (5), (9), and (10); RCW 18.43.120; and RCW 18.235.130(15).

2.6 The Board has grounds pursuant to RCW 18.235.150(6) to issue this Permanent Cease and Desist Order.

III. ORDER

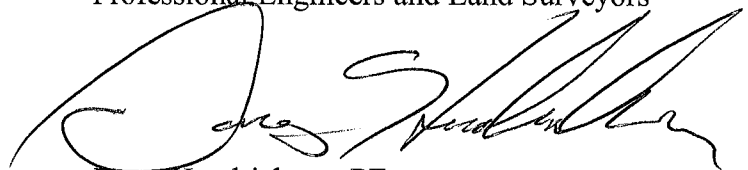
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in accordance with RCW 18.235.150 that:

- 3.1 The Respondent shall permanently cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of land surveying and engineering in the state of Washington.
- 3.2 The Respondent shall not represent himself or his business to current or potential clients or the public, as being able to provide and/or perform professional land surveying or professional engineering services in the State of Washington. This includes: making any statement, directly or indirectly, to any individual or to the public being able to provide and/or perform professional land surveying or professional engineering services, until they file a Certificate of Authority with the Board; distributing any advertisement or offering that suggests the Respondent's officers or employees can provide professional land surveying or professional engineering services; and participating in any capacity in the dissemination of advice, estimates, suggestions or recommendation to any individual or the public where such remarks could be interpreted to convey the impression that its officers or employees are competent and conversant in the profession of land surveying or professional engineering.

- 3.3 The Respondent shall not distribute to any client or public agency any document, including but not limited to: letterhead, business cards, maps, or website references, which show either the firm, its officer, and/or employees are offering professional land surveying or professional engineering activities.
- 3.4 Pursuant to the terms of the Temporary Cease and Desist Order entered on November 2, 2022, the Board is imposing a thirty thousand dollar (\$30,000.00 (U.S.)) fine against the Respondent for his failure to cease unlicensed practice. The \$30,000 fine is due 120 days from the date of the signed Permanent Cease and Desist Order. The fine in the amount of \$1000 per day will continue to accrue from the date the Permanent Cease and Desist Order is entered, until the Respondent complies with the terms of the Permanent Cease and Desist Order.
- 3.5 All fines shall be submitted to:
BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND
LAND SURVEYORS
ATTN: JILL SHORT
DES-SAFS AGENCIES
PO BOX 24281
SEATTLE, WA 98124-0281

DATED: December 8, 2022

Washington State Board of Registration of
Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors



Doug Hendrickson, PE
Board Chair