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

Complainant:
Arkansas State Board of Licensure for
Professional Engineers and Professional
Surveyors

Respondent:
Don Bland, PS #903
Don Bland Surveying, Inc
P.O. Box 866
Danville, AR 72833-0866

Case #2010-17

DISMISSAL ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") registered a complaint on July 29, 2010, charging Donald R. Bland (AR-PS #903, hereinafter "Bland") with negligence, incompetence, and misconduct in the practice of surveying, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-48-102(b)(1)(A)(2).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Bland is a Professional Surveyor licensee of the Board, and the Board has jurisdiction over his conduct.

2. Virginia Baker held a parcel of land in Yell County. She deeded one acre of the parcel to her daughter to build a residence.

3. The deed for the acre parcel was prepared from a survey done by Bland.

4. When a contractor was retained to put in a driveway for the acre parcel, he informed the new owners that the Bland survey of their property was likely incorrect.
5. Dave Garza (AR-PS#1378, hereinafter "Garza") was retained to perform another survey.

6. The Garza survey plat placed the Baker parcel south and east of the Bland survey, and the Garza survey coincided with the possession lines on the ground, where the Bland survey did not.

7. In his Answer to the complaint, Bland admitted his error, and subsequently issued a corrected plat.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Upon review of the evidence in its possession, the Board finds the conduct by Bland described in the Findings of Fact does not warrant further investigation or other action.

ORDER

Based on these Findings and Conclusions, the complaint against Bland is dismissed.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of March, 2011

[Signature]

Board President

APPEALS

This Order may be appealed within thirty (30) days of service upon the Respondent, as specified in the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, according to the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated §25-15-212.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James Atchley, Investigator of the Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the attached order by mailing a copy of same, by first class mail on this 24th day of March, 2011, to:

Mr. Donald R. Bland, PS
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[Signature]

James Atchley, Board Investigator