

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

VINTON PHILIP WATSON, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEEL LUMBER, LLC d/b/a LAKE
LUMBER CO.,

Defendant.

Case No. LACL158667

JUDGMENT

This action was tried to a jury on January 26, 2026, to January 30, 2026. Plaintiff Vinton Philip Watson, Jr. (“Watson”) appeared with Attorneys Christina Thompson and Riley Schoen. Defendant Neel Lumber, LLC, d/b/a Lake Lumber (“Lake Lumber”) appeared with Attorneys Nicholas F. Miller and Jacob Hatanpa.

Watson submitted a claim against Lake Lumber for breach of an express unwritten contract. Lake Lumber submitted a counterclaim against Watson for breach of the same express unwritten contract. After trial, on January 30, 2026, the jury found that Watson failed to prove his claim for breach of contract and that Lake Lumber successfully proved its counterclaim for breach of contract against Watson and awarded Lake Lumber damages in the amount of \$187,180.18. The jury returned their verdict in proper form on January 30, 2026, and the Court accepted the verdict. Accordingly, the Clerk filed the verdict.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. Judgment is entered in favor of Neel Lumber, LLC, d/b/a Lake Lumber (“Lake Lumber”) and against Plaintiff Vinton Philip Watson, Jr. (“Watson”) on Lake Lumber’s Counterclaim, D0011, in the principal amount of \$187,180.18, plus prejudgment interest at the contractually agreed-upon rate of 1.5% from February 1, 2024, to January 30, 2026, and post judgment interest at the contractually agreed-upon rate of 1.5% from January 31, 2026, until the Judgment is satisfied;
2. Judgment is entered in favor of Lake Lumber and against Watson on Watson’s claims asserted in Watson’s Petition, D0003;
3. The Petition filed by Watson, D0003, including all its claims and causes of action, is dismissed with prejudice;
4. Costs are taxed against Watson. Lake Lumber may file a motion to tax costs against Watson in a particular amount within 14 days from the date of the entry of this Judgment.



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So Ordered

Heather Lauber, District Judge,
Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

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