

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 9, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on June 9, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley (by phone).
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He discussed the closing of the state fiscal year 2015 and the current transition into the state fiscal year 2016. The state pollinator protection plan went out for comment and has now been finalized. He also discussed an upcoming Georgia Clean Day event scheduled for July 22, 2015. The event will be located at the Gwinnett County Fair Grounds. Pre- registration is required to participate. The event is open to commercial pesticide applicators, pest control operators and agriculture applicators. Mr. Lastinger asked the pest control associations to distribute event information to their members.
- F. Mr. Lastinger addressed an inquiry regarding the electronic communication acknowledgement statement/form for pesticide use records and if it could be accepted electronically as well. The department did review the rule and found that this was acceptable and would need to have the ability to provide a copy of the record if requested.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the licensing renewal update. He included a reminder that all licenses will expire on June 30, 2015. Accordingly, beginning July 1st all licensing fees will double during the late renewal period.
- H. Mr. Burton discussed the current enforcement response for issuing the *Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report* on the old version and not as required by the April 1, 2014 rule change. Since the compliance assistance period ended on January 1, 2015, the Department is issuing a monetary penalty for non-compliant reports.
- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed the recently issued federal strategy for pollinator protection. The federal strategy includes pollinator research, expanding education and outreach for public and private partnerships and improving pollinator habitat. US EPA strategy also released a draft strategy that is open for public comment. The strategy includes restrictions on pesticides that are considered highly toxic to pollinators and promotes communication between growers and honey bee keepers.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided details for the July 14th Commission meeting. He noted that the meeting will be held in the barn at Jaemor Farms located 5340 Cornelia Highway in Alto,

Georgia. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. There will be an optional tour of the farm beginning at 9:00 AM for anyone that is interested.

- K. Mrs. Fraulick provided the legislative update. She noted tax reform will likely be a focus in the 2016 legislative session.
- L. Mr. Lastinger announced that the 2016 ASPCRO conference will be in Ft. Lauderdale and hosted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Registration is now open for the conference and the agenda has been posted.
- M. Mr. Gorecki provided the NPMA update. He noted that the NPMA policy update has been distributed.
- N. Commissioner Black greeted the Commission and expressed his gratitude for Mrs. Laurie Padgett's service as the consumer affairs representative since 2011. He recognized Mrs. Padgett for her service with a proclamation. Mrs. Padgett expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open - Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
 - License Renewal Update
 - GA WIIR and Waiver Form – Wesley Burton
- c. Federal Pollinator Protection Strategy and US EPA proposed restrictions
- d. July Commission Meeting agenda
- e. Legislative update – Mrs. Lauren Fraulick
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Med Env VET – Statesboro
- Okefenokee Pest Control LLC. – Waycross
- Forsyth Exterminating – Cumming (Sub Office)
- Rescom Services LLC – Washington

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Archer Pest Control-Clayton County (insurance).

Name Change

- WP Management (96036) to Walker Pest Management

The Commission did not approved the following applications

- The Pest Bureau – Columbia, SC