

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 13, 2018

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:36 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on March 13, 2018. All Commission members were present.
- 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 February meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Gray provided the Department updates. The GDA avian influenza emergency response team is on high preparedness and ready in the case of an outbreak. EPA is paying close attention to Dicamba being used in the state and if any drifts get reported. He mentioned the new Georgia citrus growers association that is working with the Department and requesting new regulations to protect the emerging industry. Mr. Gray recognized Mr. Lastinger for serving as a board director for the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) and for moderating sessions at their recent conference held in the Washington DC area. Ms. Bonnie Rabe and Ms. Faye Golden were also recognized for their hard work and transitions from regulatory positions to the private industry. Lastly, he recognized the Structural Pest staff for their great work that is often difficult and challenging.
- F. Mr. Gorecki discussed spray foam insulation, outreach possibilities and an approach on how to move forward with the issue. CPCO shared a brochure they created to educate consumers and realtors of the multiple concerns that come with spray foam insulation. Ms. Bragg expressed concerns about homes being sold without termite contracts and how to inform new homeowners of spray foam insulation issues. She will reach out to the Georgia Realtors Association and start a discussion about the concern and possible ways to address through consumer awareness. The Commission discussed how to best communicate these concerns to the insulation industry. Mr. Lastinger will request legal services to review the outreach documents and the appropriateness to post on the website. Mr. Lastinger introduced Ms. Amy Carter, editor of the *Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin*. Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Gorecki will reach out to other agencies and industry associations and invite them to a commission meeting for further discussions. Mr. Gorecki mentioned that he will gather a list of questions and issues from the industry to guide the discussions. Mr. Lastinger asked if anyone is aware of any guidance or standards for installing spray foam insulation that would not be a concern for termite prevention and management in crawlspace construction.
- G. Mr. Gorecki recognized Commissioner Black for his attendance at the meeting.

- H. Dr. Rosmarie Kelly with the Department of Public Health (DPH) provided the 2017 Arboviral Report and presentation on Mosquito Surveillance in Georgia. She answered questions from commission and industry members and will make the reports available.
- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned an inquiry he received from Congressman Buddy Carter regarding a chamber fumigation related investigation in South Georgia and general concerns related to the U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General Fumigation recommendations. He responded to the concerns and shared the response letter with the Commission.
- J. Mr. Lastinger shared and discussed an employee registration Pre-Examination Training Verification Form to assist the industry with complying with the documentation of the training requirements. After a brief discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the form. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Lastinger stated the Employee Registration Manual has been updated and went into effect on March 1, 2018.
- L. Mr. Lastinger announced that the May Commission meeting is being planned for May 15th at Berry College in Rome, Georgia.
- M. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recent meeting with the manufacturers of the Red Eye Termite Station. He also mentioned the last discussion in 2017 and a subsequent letter that was sent to the manufacturer in June 2017. In the letter, the Commission requested the following statement be added to marketing materials and correspondence: *The use of the Red Eye Termite Station does not meet the minimum treatment standards for the control of subterranean termites in the State of Georgia.* Ms. Shannon Fitzgerald presented additional information and there was discussion regarding concerns that homeowners may have a false sense of security with the stations that do not provide any structural protection.
- N. Ms. Lauren Fralick provided a legislative update. She noted that the recommendations from the rural development commission that were introduced as legislation last month are being monitored and the legislative session will convene on March 29th.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment 1 | Agenda |
| Attachment 2 | New Company Licenses |

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open - Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications - Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Department - Tommy Gray
 - Program- Derrick Lastinger
- d. 2017 Arboviral Report - Dr. Rosmarie Kelly, DPH
- e. Spray Foam Insulation Outreach
- f. Legislative update - Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Priority Pest Control – Salem, AL
- King Green, IPM – Gainesville
- Homestar Pest Solutions - Winder

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Watkins Termite and Pest Control – Walton County (insurance)
- High Country Pest Control – Fannin County (insurance)
- Turin Pest Control – Coweta County (insurance)
- Twin Lakes Pest Control – Putnam County (insurance)

Name Change

- Kelby Pest Services (98346) to Excalibur Pest Services