

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 13, 2018

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:37 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on November 13, 2018. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Bodine Sinyard; and Kim Bragg. Christy Kuriatnyk and Greg Holley were present via teleconference.
- 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 October meeting. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger provided the spray foam insulation update. The local Fox5 news station has aired 2 stories regarding spray foam insulation and issues like termites. Mr. Gorecki has reached out to the Chemistry Council for information while NPMA coordinates a meeting with the National Spray Foam Alliance.
- F. Ms. Bettie Sleeth, Regulatory Affairs Consultant, for the Home Builders Association of Georgia was welcomed by the Commission. She gave an update on their annual Home Builders meeting. She thanked Mr. Sammie Baker and Mr. Rick Bell for bringing the spray foam issue to their attention. She and the Commission discussed the new energy code amendment and current code requirements effecting the spray foam installers. The energy code amendment will be voted on November 14, 2018, but comments can be submitted until January 15, 2019. Enforcement of the new code amendments will start January 1, 2020. Ms. Sleeth answered questions from Commission members and attendees and offered continued assistance to the Commission. Mr. Gorecki expressed his appreciation for her attendance.
- G. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the department update. He discussed the department's response efforts to hurricane Michael. The impact on South Georgia's agriculture is now estimated at over \$2.5 billion. He recognized Mr. Lastinger and many other employees for working with GEMA on the emergency response. Mr. Gray shared that Commissioner Black is working with the Plant Industry Division on competitive recruitment for new employees.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He announced that the UGA Department of Entomology will host the January Commission meeting. It will begin at 9 AM on January 8th in the Seney-Stovall Chapel of the Lucy Cobb Institute of UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government in Athens. Early attendance is encouraged as the Department of Entomology will host a breakfast prior to the meeting. He appreciated Dr. Forschler for coordinating the meeting.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He announced the 2019 SPCC meeting dates from the Public Notice 18-06 which will be posted to the SPCC website. He discussed honey bee extermination on Georgia ports. The U.S. Customs & Border Protection does not allow bee removal on Georgia ports so a list of pest control companies that offer the service has

been developed to assist. Mr. Lastinger also announced that Mr. Alex Conti is serving as the acting Compliance Specialist.

- J. Mr. Tim Taylor announced that the Georgia Pest Exam Employee Registration Exam Prep Course is now available to the public. This course will help assist training employees before testing and was developed by Athens Technical College.
- K. The Commission discussed the pre-examination training requirement. Concerns from the industry regarding the actual completion of the classroom and on-the-job training were reviewed. Mr. Lastinger reviewed the current rule and related policy. The Commission discussed the importance of the training and will consider requiring the Commission issued training verification form. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- L. Mr. Skin Edge provided the legislative update. Governor Nathan Deal has called a special five-day session for the General Assembly to work on providing financial assistance to South Georgia in response to hurricane Michael. Mr. Edge gave an update on the Tax Bill and the election for Governor. He also noted the unfortunate news that Representative John Meadows, Chairman of House Rules Committee, recently passed away.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the AAT Rule. The rule amendment will provide exemption to the defined treatment standard that requires the treatment of the soil under earth filled porches for preventive control of subterranean termites. A Hearing will be held on December 18, 2018 in room 201 of the Agriculture building at 10 AM. The 30-day comment period is from November 14th to December 17th. The Notice and Synopsis are posted on the SPCC webpage.
- N. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He announced that ninety new democrats are in the House of Representatives and that there will not be a Farm Bill. Massachusetts and Rhode Island have proposed bills banning rodenticides in their states. Mr. Gorecki stated that the new OSHA Silica Standards are out and encouraged everyone to become familiar with them.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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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. Spray Foam Insulation Updates
- c. Home Builders Association of Georgia – Ms. Bettie Sleeth
- d. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- e. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Department – Tommy Gray
 - Program– Derrick Lastinger
- f. Pre-examination training requirement
- g. AAT Rule
- h. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- ALF Pest Solutions – Dawsonville
- Nextgen Pest Solutions – Alpharetta (Sub-Office)
- Nextgen Pest Solutions – Atlanta (Sub-Office)
- Nextgen Pest Solutions – Suwanee (Sub-Office)

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Brandon Pest Control (Sub-Office) – Effingham County (insurance)