

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 8, 2019

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:08 AM in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on October 8, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Kim Bragg.
- 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. Holley to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Mrs. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2). Mr. Lastinger requested the Commission to review the company naming policy and list of common names. The Commission will review the policy at another meeting.
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He announced that Dr. Dan Suiter has been named chairman of the Center for Urban Agriculture. This program works on extension issues such as water quality, pollinators and the green industry. Dr. Forschler read a portion of the draft summary report on the spray foam insulation demonstration project that involved the inspection and identification of active subterranean termites. The report will be published later this year.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. He shared some of GDA involvements at the Georgia National Fair in Perry that runs through October 13th. SPD staff are working at the Georgia Grown Building and Baby Barn and the Healthy Homes outreach booth on Pest Day, October 4th. Mrs. Kuriatnyk shared how the Healthy Homes event was going and that she will report the results of the evaluations at a Commission meeting later this year.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the compliance update. He discussed a joint case between GDA and the Alabama Dept of Agriculture regarding an unlicensed operator that was applying products for bed bug treatments that are not labeled for indoor use. GDA filed a petition for an injunction since the operator continued to operate after GDA issued a cease and desist notice. This case was referred from U.S. EPA.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training updates. The 2019-2021 renewal period has ended. Licensees that did not renew will have to start over by applying for the license again. Renewal statistics include: 1,231 companies; 2,036 certified operators; 6,317 registered employees. SPD provided outreach to the 57 companies that did not renew. Mr. Taylor announced that registered employee training summaries for the next training period are now online. Mr. Lastinger announced that Athens Tech director, Mr. Dennis Ashworth, has retired. The new Director is Mr. Darius Johnson and the Asst. Director is Mr. Geoff Barrow. These two individuals will be invited to a future Commission meeting. Mr. Lastinger

expressed the importance of the Athens Tech program and the cooperation they have with GDA.

- I. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that U.S. EPA announced a new rodenticide currently that is under registration review and open for public comment. The active ingredient is alphachloralose and works by hypothermia. This product is currently registered in Europe.
- J. The Commission met with an applicant for the employee registration exam under the Commission exam policy 07-01. The Commission approved the applicant to take the registration exam.
- K. Mr. Gorecki provided an update to the draft revisions to Notice 18-01 SPCC Pre-examination Training Form. The draft is still under review and will be presented at a later meeting.
- L. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the mosquito control workgroup. The workgroup recently met on September 30 and discussed the new certification and training rules, the rulemaking process, and potential recommendations to submit to the Commission. Mr. Gorecki commended Chairman of the group, Mr. Jeff Dunn and all the group members on a good job collecting information for the discussion. The group will share their report and recommendations with the Commission at a future Commission meeting.
- M. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on spray foam insulation activities. Dr. Forschler's previously discussed report will be shared with the Commission later this year. Mr. Gorecki stated that there is still a long way to go but that there has been a lot of cooperation with the spray foam industry, applicators and distributors. This cooperation helps pest control businesses decide how to move forward.
- N. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update. She shared her experience from attending the Georgia National Fair and visits to the Georgia Grown Building and Baby Barn and provided nice compliments to GDA. She spoke about Governor Kemp's budget cuts to most state agencies and that each agency was required to submit a budget reduction plan. All budget plans are currently under review. The House and Senate held joint budget meetings last week. She stated that the Governor wants to be ahead of the expected down turn in the economy and looking for new revenue options. The tax reform committee is looking to change tax structures. The Senate has a committee studying the cost of doing business in Georgia and will meet again October 21st in Savannah.
- O. Mrs. Faye Golden provided the NPMA update. The annual PestWorld conference will be held October 15-18 in San Diego. There will be a president reception for the new president, Mr. Chris Gorecki. Mrs. Bonnie Rabe will co-chair Public Policy.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



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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. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates - Derrick Lastinger
 - Compliance
 - Certification & Training - Tim Taylor
- d. Applicant review under policy 07-01
- e. Revisions to Notice 18-01 SPCC Pre-examination Training Form
- f. Mosquito Workgroup Update
- g. Spray Foam Insulation activities
- h. Legislative update - Lauren Fralick
- i. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Outdoor Solutions of N GA, LLC dba Mosquito & Pest Authority – Ellijay
- Buzz Busters, LLC dba Mosquito Joe – Atlanta
- Littoral Pest Solutions of Savannah – Savannah (Sub Office)
- Furgerson Pest Control LLC – Sylvania

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Infinity Pest Solutions – Tift County (insurance)
- Peeler Enterprises, LLC dba Home Free Wildlife and Pest Solutions – Cherokee County (insurance)
- Optimus Pest Control – Chatham County (insurance)
- Dump Truck Exterminating – Dekalb County (insurance)
- CE-Con Exterminating – Jenkins County (insurance)

Name Change

- Bed Bug Specialist & Exterminating, LLC (100520) to Just In Case Pest Control, LLC