

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 14, 2017

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on February 14, 2017. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Christy Kuriatnyk, Bodine Sinyard, Greg Holley, 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. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department and Program update. He noted that U.S. EPA has amended registrations for two herbicide products. The registrations allow the herbicide cropping system technology for growers that are battling glyphosate resistance weeds in corn, cotton and soybeans. There will be an additional label requirement specific to Georgia applicators requiring specific training for growers to attend which will mitigate off-target movement of herbicide. The Coweta county commissioners are scheduled to review a current building code that requires the use of a soil applied termiticide for new construction. Consequently, the Department was contacted to provide a letter to the Commissioners to provide information regarding non-soil applied products that are allowed for preventive control of termites. A letter was submitted to the Commissioners which also included language regarding the Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act prohibition of county and city government from adopting local ordinances and regulations relating to pesticide use in the State of Georgia.
- F. Mr. Taylor provided an update on license renewals. He noted the renewal fees, the training deadline for technicians and the timeline for receiving renewal notices. He noted that a new insurance form is currently under review by the Georgia Insurance Commission and will be available by the next meeting.
- G. Ms. Shannon Fitzgerald provided a presentation on the new electronic inspection program. She noted there will be changes in the way inspection findings are recorded and tracked. Notices of Inspection and Notices of violation or compliance will be emailed to the licensee at the email address associated with the license. She noted that the inspection process and requirements are the same; however the notifications will be received by email and may look a little different. Mr. Sinyard expressed his concerns about the need to maintain a dialogue and compliance assistance time during the routine company inspections. The Commission requested that the Department develop some guidance to assist the industry with inspection terminology and the inspection process.

- H. Ms. Christy Kuriatnyk provided copies of the new “Bed Bugs What You Need To Know” publication. She noted that the Department of Public Health and the Department of Agriculture partnered to develop the publication which includes identification, health effects, pesticide safety and hiring a pest control company. The publication can also be useful for the Healthy Homes program for those households with asthmatic children.
- I. Mr. Gorecki discussed rulemaking and referenced the draft language document that Mr. Lastinger had distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Gorecki reviewed the rule amendments and the draft alternate application technique rule. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the draft alternate application rule. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed. The remaining issue regarding the WDO contract rule requiring the specific type of treatment will be discussed at the next meeting.
- J. Mrs. Fraulick provided the legislative update. She discussed the legislative calendar and the successful GPCA Legislative Day event held on February 1st.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He mentioned the upcoming NPMA legislative day which will be held in Washington, DC. He also mentioned the pending confirmation of Governor Sonny Purdue as the Secretary of Agriculture for USDA.
- L. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

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Open -Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- b. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update - Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
 - License renewal and insurance – Tim Taylor
 - New inspection and regulatory notices – Shannon Fitzgerald
- c. Bed Bug Publication – Christy Kuriatnyk
- d. Rulemaking
- e. UGA Urban Entomology Update
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Rathel's All-Pro Pest Control-Donalsonville
- Hawks Pest Solutions-Statham

Name Change

- Allgood Pest Solutions (98379,98778,97040,99886,98396,98237,97188) to Allgood Services Inc. DBA Cingo
- Post Solutions (100091) to Extermiforce

Did not approve

- Hulsey Pest Management (100118) to Pest Reaper (Name Change)