

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 12, 2019

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:31 AM in Room 300B of the Agriculture Building on February 12, 2019. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, Kim Bragg, and Dr. Brian Forschler.
- 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. Ms. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Brian Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The UGA Griffin campus will host multiple workshops in 2019. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to Dr. Forschler for hosting the January meeting.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. Department budget hearings are currently underway this week. The department is following the proposed industrial hemp legislation. Today is the GPCA Legislative Day and Farm Bureau Day at the Georgia Capitol. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that the acting EPA Administrator, Andrew Wheeler, recently met with Commissioner Black and other officials at McCorkle nurseries in Georgia to discuss Waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulation. Mr. Lastinger announced that the Licensing Division Director, Mark Norton, will retire at the end of March. He also announced that the Director of the Fuel and Measures Division, Rich Lewis, retired at the end of January.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the program and license renewal updates. All structural licenses will expire June 30, 2019. Renewal notices will be sent to certified operators in late April or early May. Company and registered employee renewal notices will go out a couple weeks thereafter. Mr. Taylor discussed the training deadline and training requirements. Registered employees that tested on or after October 1, 2018 are exempt from the training requirement but will need to renew. He advised companies to go online and review and confirm the following items prior to renewal:
 - Liability insurance
 - Contact information including mailing and email address for company license and certified operators
 - Credit hours for registered employees
 - Make updates to registered employees. Address any that are missing, transferred or no longer with the company.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor discussed recertification course applications, the related SPCC 13-01 policy, and explained the current approval process. The current policy requires that the training course applications be submitted and approved by the SPCC at least 30 days prior to the scheduled course date. Mr. Taylor made a request to update the policy and allow applications

to be reviewed and approved as they are received. He discussed the benefits of making the change to the policy. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the update to the policy and allow the more efficient approval process. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.

- I. Mr. Alex Conti discussed inspection reports and related notices. He reviewed the inspection process and the requirements to document compliance and non-compliance activities to meet program requirements. He further reviewed field notices and other types of enforcement responses. Mr. Conti provided an update on the program priorities including compliance assistance and the unlicensed operator case reviews.
- J. The Commission discussed spray foam insulation. Mr. Lastinger met with Mr. Mark Woodall, Director of Governmental Affairs with the Associated General Contractors (AGC Georgia) and Mr. Austin Hackney, Director of Governmental Affairs with Home Builders Association (HBA) recently to discuss spray foam issues and recent outreach activities. Both groups expressed interest to assist and be aware of future activities. Mr. Rick Bell shared his experience of a recent home inspection that he performed in a home that had spray foam insulation in the crawl space. The Commission discussed buyer beware scenarios regarding the Official Wood Infestation Inspection Report and agreed to further discuss at a future meeting.
- K. Mrs. Laura Fralick provided the legislative update. Today is legislative day 13 and March 7th will be Crossover Day. Sine Die (last day of session) will be April 2nd. Many of the committee chairs are currently being reassigned. Hot topics in the current session include: tax on services, boll weevil eradication tax exemption, industrial hemp legalization, and rural broadband service.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell gave the NPMA update. NPMA legislative days will be February 25-27 at the U.S. Capitol. Mr. Bell spoke about McCorkle Nurseries, a bed bug funding project, and a move to do away with professional licensing in some states.
- M. Mr. Lastinger announced that the April Commission meeting will be held at the Augusta Canal Authority located at 1450 Green Street in August, GA on April 16th. Mr. Lastinger thanked Ms. Bragg for organizing the meeting.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 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
 - Department - Tommy Gray
 - Program- Derrick Lastinger
- d. License Renewals - Tim Taylor
- e. Recertification Course Applications - Tim Taylor
- f. Inspection Reports & Related Notices - Alex Conti
- 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:

- Bulwark Exterminating LLC – Chattanooga, TN
- Massey Services, Inc. – Gainesville
- Massey Services, Inc. – Tucker
- Arrow Exterminators – Atlanta
- Arrow Exterminators – Lawrenceville
- Arrow Exterminators – Marietta
- Critter Catchers – Acworth
- Tru North Pest Control LLC – McDonough
- Kirby Pest and Wildlife – Dalton
- McDougal Wildlife Solutions & Pest Control – Greensboro

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Pest Master Services – Henry County (insurance, research fee payment)
- Emler Enterprises Inc. – Lamar County (insurance, research fee payment)
- Windham's Pest Control – Bibb County (insurance)
- Chapin Pest Control – Cleveland Tennessee (insurance)

Name Change

- Ex Pest Force (100281) to Pest Force

The Commission did not approve the following name change application:

- Surfside Pest Control (100275) to PA Georgia, LLC dba Pest Authority