

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 8, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on September 8, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Kim Bragg, Bodine Sinyard and Greg Holley.
- 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 August meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He noted the Department's current priority in preparing for potential highly pathogenic avian influenza. The Animal Protection Division has been closely monitoring for detections in Georgia. Accordingly, many of the department employees have been trained to respond if needed. The comment period for EPA's strategy on pollinator protection closed last week, the Department submitted comments to the docket. Lastly, the Agriculture Inputs section recently received a new grant from FDA to assist with the feed inspection program. Particularly to help with BSC and mad cow disease. Coming up this fall, the Department will be hosting several events including the Georgia Grown Showcase on September 12th in Moultrie, the Georgia National Fair and the Sunbelt Expo in October.
- F. Mr. Taylor provided the renewal update. He noted that the license renewal period will end September 30th. As of today 1,103 companies, 1, 952 certified operators, 5,043 registered employee licenses have been renewed. Currently there are about 140 companies, 200 certified operators, and 2,000 registered employees have expired licenses.
- G. Mr. Lastinger mentioned a few UGA related activities. He mentioned that UGA's Structural training center in Griffin held the first school IPM workshop. There will also be the termite workshop later this week and again in two weeks. The search committee for the Chair position of the UGA Entomology Department had their first meeting last Friday. Mr. Lastinger announced that the field staff will be working with the industry on a field strategy to work with expired licensees to get renewed and assist with applications as needed. He also provided highlights from the ASPCRO conference, which occurred last month. The highlights include the US EPA proposed certification and training regulations, a study predicting a 20% increase in PMP jobs over the next 10 years, special sessions on Sulfuryl Fluoride and recent incidents.
- H. Mr. Lastinger mentioned details for next Commission meeting to be held at the Port of Savannah on October 13th at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the Conference Room Port Auditorium of the Georgia Port Authority Annex #2 Building located at 100 Main Street

in Garden City. Pre-registration is required to attend the meeting. To pre-register for the meeting, please contact Miss Rachel Ward.

- I. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick discussed the legislative update. She noted that the study committees are currently meeting this month including a study committee for the Hope Scholarship. John Carson presented his tax reform package to the House Ways and Means Committee last month. Lastly, there are two more open seats that will be up for special election in November.
- J. Mr. Bell with NPMA provided an update. He noted that HUD and EPA are eight days away from their revision to the termite map. He also noted a concern within the industry regarding environmental groups and neonicotinoids. It seems that focus has been moved from neonicotinoids and pollinators to a broadened category of herbicides.

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
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- d. Legislative update – Lauren Fraulick
- e. ASPCRO Update – Derrick Lastinger
- f. October Meeting Information
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- On Guard Pest Solutions, Inc. – Byron

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Security Pest Control, Inc. – Tallapoosa County (insurance)
- Buggin Solutions – Cobb County (insurance, DCO signature)
- Pest Force LLC – Walton County (new name submitted)