

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 10, 2015

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on March 10th, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, 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. Holley to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger provided a letter and request from Mr. Guy with Good Guy's Pest Control's letter requesting the Commission to review the advertising Rule 620-4-01 and consider an amendment regarding advertising on websites and social media. The Commission discussed the concerns from the letter and reviewed guidance from the GDA legal team. Since the Department does not have the authority to enforce such requirements as proposed, the Commission does not plan to amend the advertising rule. A letter will be drafted for Chairman Gorecki to respond on behalf of the Commission.
- F. Mr. Lastinger reviewed the current rule on the consideration of similar company names for new company license applications and company name change requests.
- G. The Commission discussed a name change request received from FPM Services requesting Focus Pest Management, LLC. Currently there is a licensed company under the name Focus Pest Control. FPM Services recently applied for the Focus Pest Management federal trademark. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to turn down the request for the name change. Mr. Lastinger seconded and motion passed. The Commission requested that the GDA legal team review the similar name rule and determine if the Federal Trade Commission's registration of a company name trademark take precedence over the rule.
- H. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that GDA recently transferred approximately \$90,000 to the University of Georgia as required by the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. These funds are to continue the support of Dr. Brian Forschler's research in Household and Structural Entomology. The Commission briefly discussed the latest draft of the State Pollinator Protection Plan. The Commission agreed to review the draft plan and share comments at the next meeting.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He introduced Ms. Jennifer Wren as the new Plant Industry Division Enforcement Manager. Mr. Tim Taylor made a few announcements regarding the 2015 licensing renewal. He noted that renewal notices will be mailed out by the end of April. Notices will also be sent to the email address on file for each license.

- J. Mr. Burton requested the Commission review a GDA case involving a consumer complaint and termite treatment failure and make a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Mr. Burton provided details regarding the case. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to require a full comprehensive soil treatment and to refresh the termite bait in all stations in compliance with the label. Mr. Gorecki seconded and motion passed.
- K. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He noted the upcoming legislative day held in Washington D.C. to discuss pollinators.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed an upcoming meeting that he plans to attend with AAPCO and ASPCRO that will focus on pollinator protection plans.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

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**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

- a. Legal review of letter from Mr. Charles Guy
- b. Review of the current rule on the approval of new company names

**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 – D Lastinger
- d. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- e. Legislative update – Mr. Skin Edge
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- MIKE'S PEST CONTROL (NAME CHANGE FROM JUST WRIGHT PEST SERVICES)
- SOVEREIGN PEST CONTROL (SUB-OFFICE)
- LA PEST SUPPLY LLC-GWINNETT
- GRESHAM PEST MANAGEMENT-NEWTON
- HONEST PEST SOLUTIONS LLC-GWINNETT
- COUNTRYSIDE PEST SERVICES-SPALDING
- FOCUS PEST MANAGEMENT LLC (NAME CHANGE FROM FPM SERVICES-APPROVED PENDING LEGAL REVIEW)