

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 14, 2023

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:08 a.m., March 14, 2023, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- 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. A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Mr. Lastinger discussed the April meeting and that it will be held at the Port of Savannah. The meeting will begin at 10:00am on April 11 in the Conference Room of the Georgia Port Authority Administrative Building. A link to the driving directions can be found in Public Notice 23-01 posted on the SPCC's website.
- E. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA's Legislative Days will be in D.C. next week. NPMA members met with a House Ag Committee Member two weeks ago to discuss preemption the Endangered Species Act. The C&T Rule deadline has been extended to November 4, 2023. EPA has created an office of Environmental Justice.
- F. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the legislative update. Today is the 33rd day of session, the last day will be March 29. He spoke about HB528 sponsored by Representative Gaines concerning the automatic renewal of contracts. The Commission members discussed how contracts are regulated under the current rules and regulations, and how the bill could affect the pest control industry. Mr. Martin will draft language for GDA's Director of Policy to consider and get the recommendations submitted to the Committee Chairman by end of day.
- G. Dr. Brian Forschler will provide the UGA Entomology update next month.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. The processing of CEU records are up to date. He provided some renewal reminders and requested the industry to make sure their insurance records, contact information, and registered employees are correct; and report any issues regarding employee training records. Companies, Certified Operators, and Registered Employees can be renewed at the same time this year. UGA will host another Honeybee Control and Removal Training Course on June 8, more information to come.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement updates. Compliance inspections are a priority. Mr. Taylor reported the most frequent violation found during routine inspections was method of application and concentration of pesticide applied. The most frequent violation found during a for-cause inspections was wood-to-ground contact. He encourages the industry to refer to the Pesticide Use Compliance Fact Sheet for guidance to improve record-keeping compliance.

- J. Mrs. LeAnna Merritt provided an update on outreach activities. The first termite workshop was held March 9-10 with three SPD staff as instructors and 40 participants. The next termite workshop will be held March 23-24. These workshops are held at UGA Griffin campus. SPD will have an intern this summer. Outreach will be provided at the Butterfly Festival June 3-4 at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell.
- K. Mr. Lastinger mentioned an inquiry regarding HBR sales and if it requires the HBR certification. The inquiry was reviewed by the GDA legal team. HBR services can be sold by Registered Employees if the company and Certified Operator are properly licensed in HBR.
- L. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2). Mr. Taylor mentioned a certification exam application that is being held until a consent agreement is signed under an administrative order for operating without a license.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's proposed new mitigation measures for 11 rodenticides. Commissioner Harper sent a letter to EPA highlighting some of the state concerns and impacts the proposal could have on the State of Georgia. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that he met with the Rodenticide Task Force chairperson during the recent AAPCO conference about EPA required stewardship.
- N. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's revised language regarding early mitigation for sulfuryl fluoride. He highlighted some concerns with clearance devices, efficacy monitoring requirements, and the California Aeration Plan (CAP). April 16 is the deadline to submit comments and he plans to reconvene the ASPCRO fumigation workgroup to review and submit comments to EPA.
- O. Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission to review the updated HBR Fact Sheet. There are no changes to the policy. The original fact sheet was published before the exam and training were available. Mrs. Bragg made a motion to approve the updated HBR Fact Sheet. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	March 14 GSPCC Agenda
Attachment 2	Company License Applications

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Tyler Harper, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

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

Welcome Remarks

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
 - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
 - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
 - Outreach – LeAnna Merritt
- d. EPA Proposed New Mitigation Measures for Rodenticides
- e. Sulfuryl fluoride revised mitigation
- f. Public Notice 23-01
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Pestline – Murphy, NC (carryover from last month)
- NuVolve – Buford (carryover from last month)
- Allsect Pest Control – Atlanta
- Statesboro Pest Control, LLC – Statesboro
- Prewett Pest Control – Auburn, AL
- Pyrex Pest Control – Clarkesville
- Pollard's Produce LLC – Fayetteville
- Your Pest Control, LLC – Dahlonega

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Excalibur Pest Control – Bryan County (new name, insurance)
- Bug Commanders LLC – Towns County (insurance)
- Red Hawk – Jackson County (insurance)
- Pest Solutions LLC dba Critter Control – Fulton County (signature of applicant)
- Anthem Pest Control – Cobb County (\$90 payment)
- Bugs Headquarters Pest Control – Walton County (email)

The Commission did not approve the following applications:

- Pest Away – Cobb County (incomplete application, new name)

The Commission approved the following name change applications:

- Bug House Pest Control (100517) to BHPC, LLC dba Bug House Pest Control

The Commission did not approve the following name change applications:

- Abe's Pest Control (100241) to Alpha Exterminating (new name)
- Lake Lanier Pest Control (100525) to Taycan Pest Solutions Inc. dba Complete Pest Solutions (new name)