

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 13, 2014

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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 May 13, 2014. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, Christy Kuriatnyk, and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Gorecki welcomed Mrs. Kuriatnyk to the Commission. He also thanked Maurice Redmond for his time and dedication of serving on the Commission.
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted that the draft Employee Registration Manual including the new rules has been submitted to the Commission and Department for review. He discussed the need of adding a glossary of terms. He explained a new section in the manual that will reference the IRAC numbering system for pesticide selection.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided a Department update and introduced US EPA Region 4 Pesticide representative, Christine Fortuin. Ms. Fortuin works closely with the Department pesticide programs supporting US EPA cooperative grant funded activities.
- H. Mr. Wiley provided the enforcement update. He mentioned that he has taken on a new role as the regulatory compliance manager for the Plant Industry Division. He discussed how administrative cases that involve monetary penalties are being handled by the legal office and their office will be the main contact for issues and questions regarding administrative orders.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He noted that the guidance documents (*Recertification Attendance Verification Requirements, Specific Areas Treated, New Company Fact Sheet and the Pesticide Use Record Keeping Requirements Fact Sheet*) approved at the April meeting have been posted on the website. He discussed a new compliance assistance webpage that was developed for the regulated community to host the Department's Compliance Assistance Modules (CAM) and other compliance assistance activities. Mr. Lastinger announced other enhancements to the program website that includes consumer information and a form to report unlicensed pest control operators. The new information and reporting form enhances current efforts to target enforcement of unlicensed operators. He recognized Tim Taylor for his role in coordinating the development of the new webpages. Furthermore, the program is preparing for the State Farmer's Market Showcases that will be held this summer at the Atlanta, Macon and Savannah state farmers' markets. The program will have representatives present at each

event conducting outreach to Georgia consumers on pollinators, how to hire a pest management professional, bed bug and termite identification and management.

- J. Mr. Gorecki noted that the Commission recently reviewed and updated guidance documents pertaining to pesticide use records, changes in licensing certification and a new document called the new company fact sheet. The documents were put together to assist with education on the rule changes. The Commission also updated the existing guidance documents for specific areas treated and methods of application. The Commission plans to review additional guidance documents that will focus on the WDO rules before the next meeting.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed the timeline regarding the rule changes. He indicated that the work continues to be on track as planned. Currently, we are in the implementation phase with plans to post guidance documents by July 1<sup>st</sup>. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, the industry will be expected to reference the guidance and begin compliance with the new rules in preparation for full compliance by January 1, 2015. The department has started outreach on the new rules focusing on pesticide use record keeping requirements.
- L. Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update including the upcoming two-day workshop with ASPCRO and EPA to focus on training and discussions about termite management and pollinator protection.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 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**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- d. 2014 New Rule Guidance
- e. NPMA update
- f. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

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

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- BUG HOUSE PEST CONTROL-SUB OFFICE-BIBB COUNTY
- J.C. EHRLICH COMPANY INC.-BEAUFORT COUNTY
- BIZZY BEE EXTERMINATORS-GWINNETT COUNTY
- KIRKLAND'S PEST CONTROL, LLC- LINCOLN COUNTY
- MADISON COUNTY EXTERMINATING-MADISON COUNTY (PENDING INSURANCE)
- JP PEST CONTROL-GWINNETT COUNTY
- RELIABLE PEST SOLUTIONS LLC-HALL COUNTY (PENDING NAME CHANGE)
- MONITOR PEST CONTROL-FULTON (PENDING INSURANCE)
- DRT PEST CONTROL-DOOLY COUNTY (PENDING INSURANCE)
- QUICK MOSQUITO & PEST CONTROL-LEE COUNTY (PENDING NAME CHANGE & INSURANCE)
- TURF & TERMITE LLC. -LOWNDES COUNTY (PENDING NAME CHANGE AND INSURANCE)
- PURE CARE LLC. -COBB COUNTY (PENDING NAME CHANGE, DCO SIGNATURE AND INSURANCE)
- ROME'S CITY PEST CONTROL-FLOYD COUNTY (PENDING INSURANCE)