

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

July 14th, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. in the barn of Jaemor Farms in Lula, Georgia on July 14th, 2015. The following commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Kim Bragg, Dr. Brian Forschler, 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 June meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission welcomed Mrs. Kim Bragg to the meeting. Mrs. Bragg was recently appointed by Commissioner Black to serve as the Consumer Affairs and Protection member. Mr. Lastinger administered the oath of public office to Mrs. Bragg.
- E. Motion made by Mr. Sinyard nominated Mr. Chris Gorecki as Commission chairman and motion made by Mr. Holley nominated Mr. Lastinger as vice-chairmen for the new state fiscal year. Dr. Forschler seconded motion and motion passed.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed Department of Entomology's Department Head, Dr. Ray Noblet's recent retirement announcement. Dean Scott Angle is assembling a search committee to find a replacement and hopes to find a replacement by the end of the year. Mr. Sinyard suggested that we recognize Dr. Noblet's tenure at the Athens Commission meeting in January 2016.
- H. Mr. Lastinger discussed the final draft of the state pollinator protection plan. He shared a copy of the final draft and a request from the authors of the committee to submit a letter of support. Mr. Sinyard motioned that the Commission submit the letter stating the Commission's involvement and support of the June 4th published *Protecting Georgia's Pollinators: A state plan for promoting a large, healthy and diverse pollinator workforce*. Mr. Holley seconded motion and motion passed. The supporting letter and the pollinator protection plan will be posted on the Commission website. Mr. Lastinger briefly discussed the Federal and U.S. EPA pollinator protection strategy; the EPA strategy is currently proposed and open for public comment. Mr. Lastinger also mentioned that ASPCRO is drafting comments on the U.S. EPA strategy. He will share the comments once they are finalized and submitted to the agency.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He mentioned the Georgia Clean Day which will be held on July 22nd at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. There continues to be registration space available for those who would like to participate.
- J. Ms. Jenny Wren discussed the Department's preparation and response for the expected outbreak of the highly pathogenic influenza in Georgia poultry. She highlighted concerns

that an outbreak could possibly wipe out a large portion of Georgia poultry. A group of department employees had the opportunity to travel to Minnesota to assist with the turkey depopulation efforts in response to a recent outbreak. For potential outbreaks, Georgia has put into place a response plan to detect, control, quarantine, and properly dispose the affected poultry. The Department has started training employees representing all Divisions and the first training was recently held in North Georgia and another one scheduled for South Georgia.

- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He noted that the Commission has finalized plans to hold the October Commission meeting at the Port of Savannah. He also discussed program staff involvement in several new workshops at the University of Georgia Training Center in Griffin. Lastly, Mr. Lastinger discussed a U.S. EPA funded bed bug outreach project for Georgia consumers. The department is working with the Georgia Department of Public Health on the project.
- L. Ms. Christy Kuriatnyk discussed a new grant application through HUD that she is currently working with that will research how educating residences in multi-family housing would affect their understanding of controlling bed bugs.
- M. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing update. He noted that by the deadline of June 30th, 1,023 companies and 4,244 registered employees were renewed. Licensees can be renewed until September 30th by paying a late fee. Late fees include an additional \$10.00 for registered employees, \$100.00 for certified operators, and \$100.00 for companies. Lastly, the Licensing Division will be distributing late notices.
- N. Mr. Burton requested the Commission review three GDA cases involving a termite treatment failure and make a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Mr. Wesley Burton provided details regarding the case. After discussion, the Commission made a motion to recommend that GDA require a comprehensive soil applied termite treatment and for GDA to complete re-inspections to verify compliance.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment 1 | Agenda |
| Attachment 2 | New Company Licenses |

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

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Open – Vice Chairman Lastinger

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Commission Member Oath of Public Office
- b. FY 15 Election of officers
- c. New Company Applications
- d. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- e. *Protecting Georgia's Pollinators: A state plan for promoting a large, healthy and diverse pollinator workforce* support letter
- f. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
 - License Renewal Update – Tim Taylor
- g. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- h. Legislative update – Lauren Fraulick
- i. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING July 14th, 2015

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Prime Pest Solutions – Griffin
- Halliday Pest Control LLC – Cumming
- Massy Services Inc. – Canton
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- Adams Exterminators – Tifton (Sub Office)
- Bug House Pest Control of Lake Oconee – Monroe (Sub Office)

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- The Pest Bureau – Columbia SC (Name Change)
- Aztec Exterminating – Brooklet (Insurance/DCO Signature)
- Mo-Tech Pest Control – Valdosta (Insurance/DCO Renewal)
- Anderson’s Pest Control – Glennville (Insurance)
- Hankey Pest Control – Atlanta (Insurance)
- Covenant Pest Management – Stone Mountain (Insurance)
- Old School Service – Cave Springs (Insurance)
- Glory Pest Control – Fayetteville (Insurance)

Name Change

- Martini & Brown Lawncare/Pest Solutions (100226) to Brown’s Pest Control
- National Institute of Sanitation Technology Inc. dba Gene’s Pest Control (98248) to Georgia Technologies of Marietta LLC dba Gene’s Pest Control