

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 14, 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 April 14, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard (By Phone) 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 March meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Lastinger discussed a draft letter that will be sent in response to Mr. Charles Guy of Good Guys Pest Control's request for a rule review of administrative rule 620-4-.01. At the March meeting, the Commission considered the request and found that it would not have the authority to implement such a rule. The letter was finalized and will be mailed to Mr. Guy.
- F. Mr. Lastinger discussed the pending application from FPM Services requesting a name change to Focus Pest Management. Since the company applied for a Federal Trademark after the initial application for a company license, the Commission requested a legal opinion from the Georgia Attorney General's Office regarding the similar name rule and how it may apply in this situation.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update noting that the final publication of the *American Entomologist* article concerning Georgia pesticide use regulations in schools. He noted that the article notes information that could be useful for state lead agencies and individuals interested in school IPM regulation.
- H. Mr. Gorecki discussed the current draft Georgia Pollinator Stewardship Plan. The Commission discussed their support of the draft document. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the draft Georgia Pollinator Stewardship Plan. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- I. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He mentioned that the pesticide programs received final U.S. EPA cooperative grant funding for FY15. Mr. Gray also noted changes with the Department's Chief Financial Officer. Lastly, the Marketing Division will host the annual Georgia Grown Symposium at the Georgia National Fair Grounds in Perry on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed a recent U.S. EPA Structural Fumigation workshop held in Atlanta at the Rollins Center. NPMA and ASPCRO partnered on the workshop which demonstrated structural, commodity, chamber, tape and seal, and tarp fumigations. He noted the success of the workshop which focused on U.S. EPA pesticide risk

assessment and registration staff. Lastly, Mr. Lastinger introduced and welcomed the new *Georgia Farmer's Market Bulletin* editor Ms. Amy Carter to the Commission meeting.

- K. Mr. Taylor provided the licensing renewal update. He noted that certified operators will first receive an email notification followed by a renewal statement in the mail to renew certified operator licenses by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The company and registered employee renewal notifications will be sent by email and mail on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registered Employees who have not met the training requirement will have a status of "not eligible" on the company renewal statement. The due date for all payments will be on June 30, 2015 with a late fee assessed to any payments posted on or after July 1, 2015. All training records received by the Department have been processed and training summaries are current online. Training taken by registered employees on or after March 1, 2015 will not show on training summaries until renewal period closes.
- L. Jim Wright with BASF shared concerns with Georgia's registration and Commission acceptance of Termidor HE under the Georgia Subterranean Termite Defined Treatment Rule. He requested the Commission to consider amending the regulations to approve a request of an alternate application technique when such application technique will result in an efficacious use of the termiticide. The Commission discussed the possibility of starting the rule making process in the future that may focus on the Wood Destroying Organisms Chapter. The Commission asked Mr. Lastinger to draft a notice to the pest management industry that will clarify the current acceptance of Termidor HE under the Georgia Defined Treatment Rule.
- M. 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 install termite bait in all stations in compliance with the label. Mr. Holley seconded and motion passed. Mr. Burton discussed a second case for review involving a borate treatment failure and requested a recommendation for corrective action under rule 620-6-.07(5). Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to require a full comprehensive soil treatment. Mrs. Padgett seconded motion and motion passed.
- N. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update recognizing that the end to this year's legislative session. She discussed an upcoming Governor's Proclamation signing recognizing April as pest control month.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell discussed the Methyl Bromide incident in the U.S. Virgin Islands and NPMA's effort to develop talking points. He also shared his appreciation for the Commission in their continued support of the draft Georgia pollinator stewardship plan.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 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. Letter to Mr. Charles Guy
- b. Legal team's review of similar name rule and federal trademarks

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
  - Draft Georgia Pollinator Protection Plan
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- d. Bee Removal Letter
- e. BASF Termidor HE
- f. Termite retreatment case review – Wesley Burton
- g. Legislative update – Mr. Skin Edge
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. 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:

- Mason's Pest Control-Jeff Davis County
- Mayday Pest Control-Fulton County
- Southern Pest Management-Name Change Denied (PMI)