

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 10, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 300B of the Agriculture Building on February 10, 2015. 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 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 January meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. After discussing several issues concerning similar company names, the Commission discussed adding license issuance dates to the list of similar names when considering new company license applications. Mr. Holley suggested that the Commission adopt a policy on company name approvals. The Commission agreed to review the rules regarding company name requirements and consider the need for new policy. Mrs. Padgett added that when the Commission reviews the rule to also discuss what is considered "substantially similar".
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He discussed an issue with the brown marmorated stink bug found on vehicles that were exported out of the Port of Savannah to New Zealand and Australia. Accordingly, an embargo was issued this month that initiated port officials to find ways to fumigate or heat treat the vehicles prior to export. Mr. Lastinger added that GDA was contacted regarding the use of ProFume to treat for the brown marmorated stink bug and licensing requirements. Since the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act defines structural pest control to include the fumigation of railroad cars, trucks, ships and airplanes and agriculture commodity fumigation is limited to agricultural commodities, it was determined that a structural fumigation license is required to fumigate vehicles. This issue went through legal review since it involved several laws. Dr. Forschler also mentioned that the rebuttal to the American Entomologist article on school pesticide regulations was finally submitted. Lastly, he discussed the comments that he prepared on behalf of the Commission in response to the UGA draft pollinator protection plan for Georgia. The comments included helpful practices for property owners, as well as pest management considerations which were based on the current NPMA best management practices document. The document will be posted on the Commission website.
- G. Mr. Lastinger also discussed a draft memo regarding HUD & VA acceptance of the Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report. The memo provides the clarification that according to the rules for the Georgia Pest Control Act, only the Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report may be issued for the transfer of real property and no other

forms may be issued. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the draft memo. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.

- H. Mr. Gray provided the Department update. He announced Ms. Jennifer Wren as the new enforcement and compliance manager for the Plant Industry Division. He also discussed Commissioner Black's most recent State of the Department address noting the Department's progression over the years including recognition of work accomplished by the Structural Pest Section.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Program update. He mentioned the recent departure of Market Bulletin's editor; therefore, program staff will assist with writing articles for the bulletin. There are plans to submit articles regarding pollinator protection and the development of the state plan, GDA activities at the Port of Savannah and consumer awareness on bed bugs. He discussed a recent division meeting involving all of the Plant Industry Division's field staff. The meeting highlighted Inspection Standard Operation Procedures which is part of a Department effort to enhance consistency across divisions.
- J. The Commission received a letter from Mr. Charles Guy with Good Guy's Pest Control. His letter addressed requested the Commission to review Rule 620-4-.01 on advertising and consider amending the rule to further restrict licensee advertising on websites and social media and from using any part of another licensee name. Mr. Guy addressed his letter and concerns. The Commission acknowledged his concerns and requested the GDA legal team to review his letter.
- K. Mr. Bell provided the NPMA update. He mentioned the NPMA Best Management Practices for pollinator protection was still under review. Also, due to a recent decision at US EPA, there is now an opportunity for rodenticide registrants to include certain non-commensal rodents on the label for structural uses. Registrants will need to go through the process of submitting label amendments for US EPA approval.
- L. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick invited Commission members to attend the GPCA Legislative Luncheon at the Capitol following the meeting.
- M. Mr. Gorecki welcomed and thanked Commissioner Black for attending the meeting.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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’s Draft Pollinator Protection Plan & SPCC Comments
- d. NPMA Best Management Practices for Pollinator Protection
- e. Draft memo regarding HUD & VA acceptance of the Official GA WIIR
- f. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- g. Legislative update – Mr. Skin Edge
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- WILLIS PEST SOLUTIONS, LLC.-WALTON
- BUG MEISTER TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL-NAME CHANGE FROM MEISTER TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL
- PEST USA-NAME CHANGE FROM TEAM PEST USA
- PEST MAN LLC-NAME CHANGE FROM WEED MAN CORP.
- ABE'S PEST CONTROL-TIFT
- MIKES PEST CONTROL-ELBERT
- ALAGA EXTERMINATORS-MUSCOGEE
- DIMOND EXTERMINATORS-COWETA
- THE BUG AGENCY-GLYNN
- INNOVATE PEST CONTROL-GWINNETT
- ATLANTIC FUMIGATION SERVICES INC.-CHATHAM
- GEORGIA PEST SOLUTIONS-GILMER
- LADY BUG EXTERMINATING-HAMILTON TENN.
- CHERELYN MOORE AND BRIAN MOORE DBA BILLS PEST CONTROL-STEWART