

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 11, 2014

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in room 201 of the Agriculture Building on March 11, 2014. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Laurie Padgett, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard (via teleconference) and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Due to the inclement weather last month causing cancellation of the meeting, the Commission approved applications from the scheduled February meeting. There were a total of 12 applications and 1 name request (see Attachment 2).
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Under old business, Mr. Lastinger discussed a company license application that was considered last month. The company license application was approved pending a name change. The requested name on the application was Xceptional Wildlife Removal, which was considered substantially similar to the currently licensed Exceptional Pest Solutions. In response to the decision, Xceptional Wildlife Removal requested that the Commission reconsider the requested name and provided documentation of a federal trademark approval for Xceptional Wildlife Removal. Considering the federal trademark, Mr. Lastinger proposed that the Commission approve the company license application with a condition that proof of the trademark issuance is provided to the Department by the company by March 10, 2015. Mr. Holley motioned the approval based on the proposed condition and Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- G. Mr. Lastinger introduced Ms. Kiyomi Jefferson, clerical temp. He recognized her recent work in processing recertification training records and catching up the recent backlog.
- H. The Commission discussed the 2013 proposed rule changes. Mr. Lastinger confirmed that each Commission member received a current copy of the revised proposed rules. The current version includes the changes that the Commission made to the proposed rules based on comments received during the public comment period. Dr. Forschler motioned to accept the revised proposed rules. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- I. Mrs. Ashley Short with the Department's legal division discussed the certification and filing of the proposed rules with the Secretary of State's Office. The process takes 20 days and the rules are expected to become effective on April 1, 2014.
- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed the rule implementation timeline. The rules are expected to become effective on April 1st. Once effective, the industry can start to comply with the new

rules. Once final, the Department plans to notify the pest control associations to assist with outreach to the industry. The new rules and other information will be posted on the Commission website. Mr. Lastinger shared a copy of the rule change implementation, assistance and compliance timeline. He highlighted the important dates to remember. The Commission discussed the need to work with the Department on guidance documents, fact sheets and training for the new rules. The compliance date for all new rules is January 1, 2015. (timeline attached)

- K. Mr. Lastinger announced the details of next month's Commission meeting. The meeting on April 8th will be held at 10:00 AM and will be located in the conference room of the Savannah State Farmer's Market. The address is 701 US Highway 80 West Savannah, Georgia 31408.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed the timeframe in which training hours are required to be submitted according to the policy on recertification training. He noted that the Department received a request to change the SPCC Policy 13-1 from a 60-day submission requirement to a 30-day submission requirement for trainers and sponsors of training. Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission to consider the request, which would benefit the industry with more up to date online training summaries. Mr. Holley motioned to accept the proposed change to the policy. Mrs. Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- M. Lastly, Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the recent NPMA government affairs committee meeting and the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) conference where the AAPCO board and the ASPCRO board members met jointly. The main concern at both meetings is the new pollinator protection language and bee label language restrictions on neonicotinoid pesticide labels. EPA's update during the meeting included the discussion of a PR notice that is under review that will add more active ingredients to the list of products requiring the pollinator protection language. ASPCRO is actively working on developing guidelines for the states to follow when making compliance decisions on the bee protection label language. ASPCRO sent a letter to EPA in December of 2013 regarding label language concerns and questions; however, EPA has not responded.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open - Vice-chairman Lastinger

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Companies Review
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- d. 2013 Proposed Rule Changes & Implementation Timeline
- e. SPCC Policy 13-01 – D Lastinger
- f. NPMA update
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- GORDON IPM-WINDER
- ARROW EXTERMINATING-MARIETTA
- D-TECH PEST, LLC-NAYLOR
- McCALL SERVICES INC.-RINCON (PENDING DCO CHANGE)
- ARROW EXTERMINATING-MACON (PENDING INSURANCE)
- INTEGRATED PEST SOLUTIONS or THE PEST SOLUTION (2ND CHOICE)-COLUMBUS (PENDING NAME CHANGE AND INSURANCE)
- FRED'S PEST SOLUTIONS-MT. ARIE (PENDING NAME CHANGE AND INSURANCE)
- RELIABLE PEST SERVICES-UNION CITY (PENDING INSURANCE)

Due to the cancellation of the February 11, 2013 Commission meeting, the following applications were approved by the Commission by email communication in February.

- CLARK PEST REMEDY-SUB OFFICE
- BUG HOUSE PEST CONTROL-SUB OFFICE
- AMERICAN PEST CONTROL-SUB OFFICE
- ROBARDS PEST CONTROL
- BARFIELD SERVICES
- ENDERS PEST CONTROL
- ENVIROSECT
- BUG COMMANDER PEST CONTROL INC.
- XCEPTIONAL WILDLIFE REMOVAL
- ROBINSON SERVICES
- JOHNSON'S PEST SOLUTIONS
- KUMA PEST CONTROL

COMPANY NAME CHANGE:

- SOUTHEASTERN ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS CHANGE to ECOPRO ENVIRONMENTAL PEST SOLUTIONS INC. - NOT APPROVED SIMILAR NAMES.