

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

May 14, 2013

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on May 14, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Jimmy Allgood, Maurice Redmond, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard and Laurie Padgett.
- 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. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Mr. Skin Edge provided the Commission with a legislative update.
- F. Mr. Lastinger discussed a letter that was received from Mr. Charles Guy of Good Guys Pest Control Inc. In the letter, Mr. Guy expressed his concern regarding an advertisement of Allgood Pest Solutions. The ad included the phrase "the good guys in pest control". Mr. Guy was present at the meeting and also shared an additional concern regarding internet search results when searching under "good guys pest control". The Commission agreed to review the information submitted by Mr. Guy and discuss as needed.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided a University of Georgia update. He mentioned the recent 2013 spring commencement was held last week.
- H. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee to complete quality assurance surveys to verify that consistent information was provided during inspections including compliance assistance priorities. During the quality assurance survey five questions were asked. The results of the survey were positive and indicated inspection consistency. The program plans to continue the surveys. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that the program will have all recertification training records processed prior to license renewal notices going out.
- I. Mr. Dan Brown, Chief Information Officer provided an overview of the Department's new Licensing Division. He noted that all licenses issued from the Department would now be online and issued from one division. It is projected that there will be no more online convenience fees required to renew licenses; the Department plans to eat up processing fees. The Department plans to go live by July 1st, 2013. The Licensing Division will issue Structural Pest Control license renewal applications during the month of June. By June 15th, the Division is projected to be available and complete. Customers will then be able to use the customer call center for any assistance in paying for the renewals. One of the major goals of the new licensing division is to comply with House Bill 160 and House Bill 1055. In order to comply with the law, the Department is also required to submit an annual immigration compliance report to the Georgia Department of Audits and the National

Department of Homeland Security. As a result of being a public service organization, the Department now has to verify immigration status. Affidavits and documentation are now required for a company and license holder in order to receive a license. The affidavits will be placed online for customers to fill out, get notarized, and send in to the Licensing Division. Companies with multiple locations will only be required to submit the verifiable documents of the main office. Documents from companies and operators will only need to be submitted once. Each company and operator will receive a letter with a username and password in order to log into the renewal system. Once each license holder provides the proper documents, there will be an option to mail, complete online, or to call the call center to help with payment processing. If immigration status cannot be verified or if anyone is deemed to be illegal, it is required by law to enter those individual names into a separate system administered by the US Department of Homeland Security. Lastly, Mr. Brown asked for input on the building of the new Division and processes.

- J. Last year BASF requested registration of a new product, Termidor HE. With added polymer technology, the product use is designed to offer a more efficient application time. In response to the application, the Commission asked BASF to provide a soil distribution study, soil testing protocol, and Georgia specific technical bulletin. In response Mr. Jim Wright with BASF met with the Commission and discussed a study that simulated the creation of a vertical treatment underneath a simulated slab. After developing a protocol and the study, BASF recently engaged EPA and ASPCRO's termiticide label review committee to review the study before starting the work. Mr. Jim Wright concluded his presentation by explaining that the data BASF collected from the study confirms that the technology of the product continues to be valid and will provide better results than Termidor SC. Mr. Allgood motioned to approve the use pattern under the Georgia Defined Treatment rule. Mr. Gorecki seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- K. Mr. Gorecki discussed the draft summary of proposed rule changes. He noted that there are 35 items that have been agreed upon. However, there are 9 remaining items that the Commission plans to discuss during the next Commission meeting. Once the Commission makes a decision on the final items, the final proposed rules will be drafted to include a synopsis for each rule. Once the proposed rules are sent to licensees, there will be a 30 day period for public comments. A public hearing will be held for stakeholders to provide oral comments on the proposed rules to the Commission to consider before making final rules.
- L. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission concerning recent Department organization changes. Dr. Sutton is now the Chief Officer of Operations and Mr. Stuart Hicks has been appointed to be the Inspector General for the Department. Mr. Hicks presides over homeland security, emergency management, market police, grants, open records, legal services and personnel. Ms. Joyce White is the new Director of Constituent Services of Policy and Communications.
- M. Mr. Lastinger introduced Mr. Greg Holley of Zone Pest Solutions to the Commission and announced that Commissioner Black will appoint him as a new member to the Commission in July 2013.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM and Certification Examination Applications were reviewed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1
Attachment 2

Agenda
New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

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Open – Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Companies Review
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Dr. Reuben Beverly, Director of Plant Industry
 - Licensing Division & Renewals – Dan Brown, Director of Administration
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. BASF Termidor HE – Jim Wright
- f. 2013 Rule Changes – C Gorecki

Adjournment

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- SERVICE PRO PEST CONTROL, Dacula
- KNOX PEST CONTROL, Bainbridge
- BIZZY BEE EXTERMINATORS, INC. Grovetown

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information.

- KLC PEST SOLUTIONS (pending Insurance)
- FRONT NINE TURF & PEST, Canton (pending insurance and name change).