

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 14, 2022

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on April 14, 2022, at the Welcome Center of the Georgia Veterans State Park in Cordele, Georgia. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Bodine Sinyard, Kim Bragg, and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- 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. Mr. Sinyard welcomed the Commission and attendees to Cordele and the State Park.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mrs. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He discussed the Florida Economic Impact Study of the pest management industry that was sponsored by the Florida Pest Management Association. Dr. Forschler discussed the possibility of conducting a survey and report for the Georgia Pest Management Industry. The Commission discussed some of the expected benefits of a study and report for Georgia. He will share the Florida study with the Commission members.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. SPD held a pesticide sampling workshop and statewide inspector meeting at the Tifton Lab held earlier this week. He expressed appreciation to Adams Exterminating for assisting with one of the sessions that involved the use of a service vehicle. A Pesticide Clean Day is scheduled for May 3rd in Perry. The registration deadline is April 28. More details are included in the recent issue of *The Inside Buzz*. US EPA Region 4 states will meet with EPA officials later this month in Asheville, NC. Mr. Rick Keigwin from EPA Headquarters plans to visit Georgia during an upcoming field tour starting in Florida and finishing up in Atlanta. ASPCRO board members and committee chairs will meet in Nevada next week.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. SPD's quarterly newsletter, *The Inside Buzz*, went out on April 13. Each newsletter provides a new article and quarterly report. This issue focuses on recertification and reregistration training requirements. The most frequent violation in routine inspections is the method of application. The most frequent violation in for-cause inspections is wood-to-ground contacts. Mr. Taylor noted that complaints and tips increase this time of year.
- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. A meeting with EPA is scheduled for next week to discuss their comments on the proposed state new C&T plan. The SPCC will review the plan after it gets approved by EPA for amendments to the regulations.
- J. Ms. LeAnna Merritt provided the outreach report. She spoke about the sampling workshop mentioned earlier. Dr. Suiter's termite workshops had a record of more than 50 participants in attendance. SPD staff will provide pollinator protection outreach at the CNC Butterfly

Festival in June. Mr. Tim Taylor, Mr. Teunde Alexander, and Ms. Ali Ikner are working on a School IPM project. SPD's new inspector located in middle Georgia, Ms. Sadiyyah Hollins, was in attendance and introduced. SPD has recently hired two inspectors for the metro Atlanta area positions.

- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. A notification was emailed to interested persons regarding information on the first pre-exam training scheduled for May 18 at the Young Harris College. Ms. Ali Ikner and Mr. Tim Taylor will teach the regulatory portions of the workshop. A blueprint of the state exam is being drafted. Mr. Lastinger encourages a visit to the HBR website for the implementation timeline, updates and FAQs.
- L. Mr. Gorecki made a recommendation to remove spray foam insulation updates from the meeting agenda going forward and to start conversations on other topics. The commission discussed new topics to consider adding to the agenda for future meetings. Topics to revisit include the definition of household pest control and Commissioner Black's request to the Commission to make recommendations regarding mosquito control operators.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell delivered Mr. Trip Martin's legislative update. The 2022 session ended early morning of April 15. There are concerns of bills that passed after midnight on the 14th and if they are valid. The Primary Election will be May 24 and early voting will start May 2. He spoke about several seats that will campaign for re-election.
- N. Ms. Faye Golden and Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA updates. NPMA is fighting proposed pre-emption bills. Ms. Golden spoke about proposed bans on neonicotinoids in several states. A pesticide licensing bill was passed in West Virginia that eliminates many of the commercial pesticide applicator certification requirements. Rodenticide bans are proposed in California and South Carolina. EPA's proposed decision on rodenticides is expected to be released in July. California emissions regulations are proposing a ban on small engines.
- O. The May and June SPCC meetings will be held online via Zoom. There is no meeting in July.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:32am.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



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Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open - Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications - Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Compliance/Enforcement - Tim Taylor
 - Certification & Training - Ali Ikner
 - Outreach - Nan Collier
- d. Rule 620-9 Update
- e. Spray Foam Insulation
- f. Legislative update - Trip Martin
- g. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Great American Pest Solutions – Athens
- Key Pest Control – Tifton
- Arrow Exterminators – Dawsonville

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Predator Pest Solutions – Clarke County (insurance)
- SPLAT! – Spalding County (insurance, email)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Peachtree Services, LLC DBA Peachtree Pest Control (99407) to Peachtree Services, LLC DBA PURCOR Pest Solutions
- Peachtree Services, LLC DBA Peachtree Pest Control (97873) to Peachtree Services, LLC DBA PURCOR Pest Solutions
- A Step Beyond Services, LLC (100659) to Direct Pest Solutions, LLC.