

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 10, 2020

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:13 AM on November 10, 2020, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk, Kim Bragg, and Bodine Sinyard.
- 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 October meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The Seney-Stovall Chapel where the January Commission meetings are usually held is not allowing in person meetings at this time. GPCA will hold their Winter Conference in Athens on a limited basis.
- F. The Commission discussed their 2021 meeting schedule. Motion was made by Mr. Gorecki to approve the 2021 meeting schedule, Public Notice 20-11. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed. It was noted the January, February, and March meetings will be held online via Zoom.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. A passcode will be required for future Zoom meetings. Commissioner Black sends his appreciation for the commission members and their service. The Ag Inputs Division hired a new Agriculture Pesticide Manager, Jesse Kelly.
- H. Mr. Alex Conti provided the compliance update. He described FY21 inspection priorities with for-cause inspections remaining higher priority over routine inspections. Phase 1 of routine compliance inspections wrapped up at the end of October. Phase 2 focuses on inspecting companies that have not been inspected in two or more years as well as new companies that have been operating for over one year and have not yet been inspected. There are 323 of these inspections assigned with a target date of completion by the end of February.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on SPD's newsletter, *The Inside Buzz*. The newsletter was emailed to the industry. Contact GDA if you would like to be added to the distribution list or you can sign-up on the SPD website. Issues will be archived on the SPD website. He shared some of the content included in the newsletter and said to send any thoughts or ideas to his attention for future issues.
- J. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. The Registered Employee training deadline is February 28, 2021. He encouraged companies to go online and check their employees training record. 2021 course renewals will be sent to sponsors of training at the end of November. 2021 course numbers will be issued the first of December. Mr. Taylor requested that the Commission review a certification examination application that requested approval based on research experience. The Commission continued their discussion from last

month regarding sponsors of training having the option to enter training attendance records directly into GDA's training tracking program. They approved SPD to move forward with drafting a policy and application process.

- K. The Commission discussed a draft letter to Xtech regarding the application of termiticides applied sub-slab with a reticulation system. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the draft letter. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- L. Mr. Gorecki discussed spray foam insulation activities. A new proposal was submitted to Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). A meeting date is to be determined.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the proposed Honeybee Control and Removal rulemaking process. The public hearing was held October 9 with a good number of attendees. The Commission received written and oral comments. A discussion document will be drafted with the items to be considered.
- N. Ms. Luran Fralick provided the Legislative Update. She spoke about the seats for runoff. The General session will start in January. They are waiting to hear details about what the new protocol will be for meetings and activities during the session.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA is waiting for President-elect Biden's selection of cabinet seats. He spoke about proposed legislation for reform and pesticide preemption in several states.
- P. Mr. Lastinger gave an update on ASPCRO. They recently held a rodenticide workshop for U.S. EPA pesticide registration staff.
- Q. Mr. Gorecki gave an update on Pestworld's virtual conference. The board voted to extend current terms one year due to the pandemic. The nominating committee will put forward recommendations.
- R. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 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

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

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 – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance – Alex Conti
  - Certification & Training – Tim Taylor
- d. Xtech draft letter
- e. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- f. Proposed Rule 620-9
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Mrs. Green Planet, Inc – Marietta, GA
- The Real McCoy Pest Control – Dawsonville, GA
- Dr. Pest Solutions LLC – Athens, GA

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Jabez Pest Solutions – Warren County (insurance)
- The Bug Man of North Georgia – Fannin County (name change, insurance)
- Massey Services – Beaufort County, SC (phone number, applicant signature)
- Perry Acquisitions LLC, DBA Critter Control of Athens – Clarke County (research fee, franchise letter)