



*Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission  
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***Georgia Structural Pest Control  
Commission Fiscal Year 2023  
Report to the Governor***



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# Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

## Fiscal Year 2023 Report to Governor

As required by O.C.G.A. 43-45-8 (3), the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission submits the following annual report of the activities, expenditures, and other matters pertinent to the operation of the commission.

The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission met monthly during Fiscal Year 2023 on the following dates:

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| August 9     | January 10  |
| September 13 | February 14 |
| October 18   | March 14    |
| November 8   | April 11    |
| December 13  | May 9       |
|              | June 13     |

All meetings were held at 10:00 AM online via Zoom with the exception of the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the GA Port Authority Administrative Building in Garden City, the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the UGA Chapel in Athens, the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Georgia Agriculture Building in Atlanta, and the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, GA.

Expenditures for the Commission and records of attendance for each member are included.

Minutes for the Commission meetings are included. If additional information is needed regarding the report, contact Derrick Lastinger, Director of Structural Pest Division, at 404-656-3641 or [derrick.lastinger@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:derrick.lastinger@agr.georgia.gov)

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Tyler Harper  
Commissioner

**STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION  
DAILY EXPENSE AND MILEAGE  
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

|                     |      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | (2 days)  |           |           |             |
|---------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| NAME                | JULY | AUG       | SEPT      | OCT       | NOV       | DEC       | JAN       | FEB       | MARCH     | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      | TOTAL       |
| Chris Gorecki       | (N)  | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (ABS)     | (P)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       |             |
| Derrick Lastinger   | (N)  | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (P)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       |             |
| Daily               |      | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 210.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 1,260.00 |
| Mileage             |      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |             |
| Christy Kuriatnyk   | (N)  | (V)       | (ABS)     | (P)       | (ABS)     | (V)       | (ABS)     | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (ABS)     | (V)       |             |
| Daily               |      | \$ 105.00 |           | \$ 105.00 |           | \$ 105.00 |           | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 210.00 |           | \$ 105.00 | \$ 840.00   |
| Mileage             |      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |             |
| Dr. Brian Forschler | (N)  | (V)       | (V)       | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       |             |
| J Bodine Sinyard    | (N)  | (V)       | (V)       | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (ABS)     | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       |             |
| Daily               |      | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 |           | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 210.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 1,155.00 |
| Mileage             |      |           |           |           |           | \$ 225.68 |           |           |           | \$ 152.62 |           |           | \$ 378.30   |
| Greg Holley         | (N)  | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (P)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       |             |
| Daily               |      | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 210.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 1,260.00 |
| Mileage             |      |           |           | \$ 93.00  |           | \$ 69.44  | \$ 59.61  |           |           | \$ 188.64 |           |           | \$ 410.69   |
| Kim Bragg           | (N)  | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (P)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       | (P)       | (V)       | (V)       |             |
| Daily               |      | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 210.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 1,260.00 |
| Mileage             |      |           |           | \$ 234.36 |           | \$ 178.56 | \$ 123.14 |           |           | \$ 80.57  |           |           | \$ 616.63   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        |      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | \$ 7,180.62 |

(P) = Present in Person  
 (ABS) = Absent  
 (CAN) = Cancelled  
 (T) = Teleconference  
 (N) = No meeting scheduled  
 (V) = Virtual Online

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on June 14, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk 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 May meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. There has been an increase in reports of unlicensed operators. These are considered high priority cases. The most frequent violations reported on for-cause inspections is wood-to-ground contacts and method of application. The most frequent violation reported on routine cases is method of application. Mr. Taylor encourages the industry to refer to the guidance documents located on the SPCC website. SPD inspectors are taking part in training activities for the Honeybee Control and Removal inspection program.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. A candidate has been selected for the vacant pesticide coordinator position and expects to start in August. More information is to come.
- G. Dr. Forschler and Mr. Lastinger provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The HBR Manual has been sent to a printing company. The pdf version is expected to be available in August. The first training session was held at Young Harris College and was successful with 53 participants. GDA received positive feedback from participants and received a lot of interest in additional training opportunities. The compliance date is set for January 1, 2023. The next step is to develop the state examination. The implementation plan was set to have the examination available in July. Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission to extend the date to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Bragg made a motion to extend the State Certification Examination date to August 1, 2022. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. GDA has 8 participants in the Summer Internship Program, Yancey Barton is the SPD intern. End of fiscal year for GDA and SPCC is June 30, 2022. Commissioner Black re-appointed Greg Holley to another 3-year term on the Commission. Mr. Holley has served on the Commission since 2013. The next Commission meeting will be held August 9. End of federal fiscal year will be September 30, 2022. GDA's cooperative grant with EPA is on a 3-year cycle and was set to end September 30, 2022 but anticipates a 1-year extension. GDA has received a lot of inquiries recently regarding a granular insecticide called *Taurus Trio G*. It is a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) most commonly used to control fire ants. An applicator must be certified to use to apply a RUP.

- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. She discussed the inconsistency of testing centers providing calculators to test takers and asked the Commission for guidance. Commission members agree that all testing centers can provide calculators. Ms. Ikner reminded everyone that license renewals will be next year.
- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff provided pollinator protection outreach at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 4-5. Teunde Alexander, Sadiyyah Hollins, and Yancey Barton worked the booth on Saturday, June 4. Jennifer Pate and Eric Robinson worked the booth on Sunday, June 5. Almost 1200 attendees were recorded each day. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to Nan Collier for organizing the outreach event.
- K. Mr. Lastinger introduced GDA's Director of Policy, Mr. Bo Warren. Mr. Warren recognized UGA and the Cooperative Extension for their work on pest identification. He thanked the Commission members for the invitation to join meetings.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided Mr. Rick Bell's NPMA update. EPA is reviewing state and federal C&T plans. The current deadline is November 4, 2022 but could be extended. ASPCRO's annual meeting will held in August in Minneapolis. They are working with NPMA to provide training on the use of sulfuryl fluoride and general pest control.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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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

June 14, 2022

**Open** - Vice-chairman Lastinger

#### **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 Implementation Update
- e. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Maryloue Pest Services – Gwinnett County (insurance)
- Bonaire Pest Services – Houston County (insurance)
- ANSV Home & Pest Services – Newton County (insurance)
- Trojan Exterminators – Carroll County (insurance)
- Ogeechee Pest Solutions – Bulloch County (insurance)
- Briggs Pest & Termite Solutions – Dawson County (insurance)
- Grace Valley Pest Control – Lumpkin County (insurance)
- Go Pest Solutions, LLC – Valparaiso, FL (name change)
- Bug Scout – Gwinnett County (name change, insurance, research fee)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Green Frog Pest Solutions a division of Turner Pest Control (99653) to Green Frog Pest Solutions a division of Pestban LLC

The Commission denied the following name changes:

- Kirkland's Pest Control, LLC (100177) to Wayne's Pest Control
- Nature's Turf (100666) to Nature's Pest Control

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 9, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on August 9, 2022, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk 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. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. ASCPRO's annual meeting will be held in Minneapolis next week. NPMA signed a letter to congress regarding pre-emption. The use of neonicotinoids are now restricted in Rhode Island.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. Dr. Suiter's Home IPM Workshop was last week. The School IPM Workshop will be held August 18. Termite workshops will be in September. All workshops are held at UGA Griffin campus. He spoke about the next Honeybee Control and Removal (HBR) pre-exam training that will be held October 20 in Griffin. Dr. Allison Johnson is the new pesticide coordinator. A new student will work on the Economic Impact Survey project. Dr. Forschler also spoke about a cricket farm inspection and drywood termite project that occurred over the summer.
- F. Motion was made by Mrs. Bragg to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. GDA hosted the Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT) last week with 45 inspectors attending from U.S. states, tribes and territories. Three Structural Pest Division (SPD) inspectors attended. Two SPD inspectors will attend ASCPRO's Inspector Training next week. Preparations are being made in the SPD inspection program for HBR's compliance date of 1/1/23. There has been an increase in Official Wood Infestation Inspection Report (WIIR) complaints from property owners. Mr. Taylor reminds the industry to thoroughly inspect and report visible evidence of WDO infestations on these reports.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. The DCO Change Form has been updated to require the new DCO's signature. Electronic signatures are acceptable. GDA received the official Notice of Award for GDA's School IPM Grant. SPD will provide training workshops to school employees that are responsible for pest control as well as educate students on IPM.
- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The HBR Exam is now live and has been announced via email to the industry. Ms. Ikner shared the HBR website and discussed its contents. Links to register for the exam, next training session, and forms are on the website along with a Fact Sheet, FAQs, and the Rule. Mr. Sinyard and Mr. Gorecki expressed their appreciation to all involved for their hard work on the project.



- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff provided pollinator protection outreach to over 2000 attendees at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 4-5. SPD staff is preparing their outreach booth for the upcoming Fall conferences. She thanked Tim Taylor, Ali Ikner, LeAnna Merritt, Carl Schnabel, Travis Whitley, and Kevin Hancock for providing training at the recent workshops held in Griffin.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. He expressed appreciation to Tim Taylor, Ali Ikner and Dr. Forschler for their work on the development of the HBR Examination. He spoke about a proposed pest control apprenticeship program at Augusta Technical College and Commissioner Black's support of the program.
- L. The Commission discussed the October meeting. It will be held in person on October 18 in Bartow County. Pre-registration will be required to attend this meeting. The Public Notice with the pre-registration link will be posted soon.
- M. Mr. Jay Roberts provided the legislative update. He spoke about the different seats up for election.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

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  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
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- d. HBR Implementation Update
- e. Spray Foam Insulation
- f. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Atlas Pest LLC – Guyton
- Go-Forth Pest Control – Bethlehem
- Insight Pest Solutions TN LLC – Knoxville, TN
- American Pest Control – Social Circle (sub-office)
- Hawx Atlanta Turf and Pest Control – Savannah

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Whitley Exterminators – Barrow County (insurance)
- McCardle's Pest Management LLC – Cherokee County (insurance)
- Reliable Pest Solutions – Lamar County (name change, insurance)
- 1 of a Kind Pest Services – Glynn County (insurance)
- REM Pest – Glynn County (insurance)
- Ridd Pest Control – Ladson, SC (name change, phone #)
- The Adams Collective – Cherokee County (name change)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Packers Sanitation Services Inc Ltd dba Strategic Industries (98846) to Packers Sanitation Services Inc Ltd dba PSSI

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 13, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on September 13, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, 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. Holley to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission members congratulated Mr. Lastinger on receiving ASPCRO's Hall of Fame Award at the recent conference.
- E. The Commission reviewed the Business Naming Policy.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. The Commission reviewed a certification examination application that included disclosure of a possible crime involving moral turpitude. After further review and guidance by the GDA Legal Team, the application was approved.
- H. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The HBR Manual has been finalized. HBR Training will be held at UGA Griffin on October 20 by Dr. Suiter. Dr. Forschler spoke about some inquiries he has received regarding Formosan Termite findings in the Atlanta and Coastal areas of the state. He provided an update on the Economic Impact Survey project and asks for assistance from the industry associations to get the survey out.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. There have been 3 settlement conferences with unlicensed operators within the last month. Top violations for routine inspections include concentration of pesticide and amount of pesticide applied. Top violations in for-cause inspections include missing applicator name and license number and WDO's not reported on WIIRs. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Travis Whitley attended Florida Pest Management University's termite workshop and may consider some improvements to regulatory sessions at the termite workshops at UGA Griffin. In response to recent flooding and state of emergency, 11 pest control companies were contacted in Floyd and Chattooga Counties and no damages were reported.
- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff will participate at the upcoming Termite Workshops in Griffin. The SPD outreach booth will be at GPCA's Conference in Dalton and other Fall conferences.
- K. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. The Georgia Pest Exam Management System was down part of the day on Friday, September 9. Contact the SPD office if help is needed to reschedule an exam.
- L. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The next training will be October 20 at UGA Griffin. This will be the last training before the compliance date. The

registration link to the training is posted on the HBR website. As of today, 12 HBR certification exams have been given, 2 have the certification license. HBR insurance inquiries are being referred to the industry associations, CPCO and GPCA.

- M. Mr. Lastinger and Ms. Ali Ikner spoke about drone pest application inquiries. A white paper will be shared with the Commission for future discussion.
- N. The Commission discussed the October meeting. It will be held in person on October 18 at the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville. Pre-registration will be required to attend this meeting. The Public Notice 22-03 is posted and contains the registration link.
- O. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the legislative update. He thanked the Commission members for the invitation to their meetings, it is a great way to get to know the industry and keep them informed. Voter Registration is a big priority. Bills will start getting pre-filed early November.
- P. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. West Virginia law now allows pesticide products for retail sale can be commercially applied without a license. NPMA has two candidates to be considered for the position for VP of Public Policy. Mr. Bell will attend the National Association of Landscapers meeting and report back to the Commission. ASPCRO's Annual Conference was in August with a big attendance record. He congratulated Mr. Lastinger for receiving the well-deserved Hall of Fame Award.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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### Agenda

September 13, 2022

**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. HBR Implementation Update
- e. UAV Pesticide Applications
- f. Public Notice 22-03 October Meeting
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- 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:

- Dale Richter's The Buzz Fuzz – Leesburg
- Guardian Pest Services, Inc dba Knox Pest Control – McDonough
- King & George LLC – Ft. Gordon
- Ridd Pest Control Charleston – Ladson, SC

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Bug Butlers – Forsyth County (name change, insurance)
- No Pest Co – Lumpkin County (insurance)
- Roberts Pest Solution – Gordon County (insurance, \$70 research fee)
- Hawx Atlanta Turf and Pest Control dba Hawx – Fulton County (name change)
- JD's Exterminating – Polk County (insurance, email)

The Commission approved the following name change:

- Kirkland's Pest Control LLC (100177) to Waynes Pest Control

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

October 18, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on October 18, 2022, at the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Ga. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, and Christy Kuriatnyk. Dr. Brian Forschler and Bodine Sinyard joined via teleconference.
- 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. Mrs. Nan Collier welcomed everyone and introduced Savoy's Director of Development, Mr. Tom Shinall. Mr. Shinall gave a brief history of Cartersville and its museums and spoke about the background of the Savoy Automobile Museum.
- D. Mr. Gorecki called the meeting to order and expressed appreciation to C&C Exterminating for hosting the Commission meeting.
- E. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and motion passed.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The next Honeybee Control and Removal (HBR) Training will be held at UGA Griffin on October 20. He provided an update on the Economic Impact Survey project and that the industry associations will assist in getting the survey out.
- H. Mr. Derrick Lastinger provided the department update. He introduced the Structural Pest staff in attendance: Jennifer Pate, Kevin Hancock, Nan Collier, Ali Ikner, Sandy Hayes, and Tim Taylor. He spoke about Georgia Grown activities at the Georgia National Fair including the staff that volunteered in the Baby Barn. The department is preparing for administration changes.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. Dr. Bob Davis with BASF provided virtual training to SPD staff regarding pyrethroid label changes. Top violations for routine inspections include method of application and concentration of pesticide. Top violations in for-cause inspections include specific area treated and missing the structure address. Mr. Taylor answered some questions from the attendees regarding methods of application.
- J. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Recertification course renewals will go live in December, an email will be sent out when this occurs. Registered Employee training deadline is February 28, 2023. Contact Ms. Ikner if you are interested in attending Authorized Submitter training.
- K. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The finalized HBR Manual is posted on the HBR website. As of today, there are five operators certified in HBR and issued one company license. The Commission approved a couple more HBR companies today. The



next training will be October 20 at UGA Griffin. HBR Manuals have been printed and will be given to training attendees. This will be the last training before the compliance date.

- L. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. Since 2018, SPD staff have volunteered in the Baby Barn at the Georgia National Fair every year. SPD had 7 volunteers this year. Several SPD staff will speak and provide outreach at CPCO's Fall Conference in Macon next week as well as other conferences this Fall. Mr. Lastinger noted that the latest edition of the *Inside Buzz* just went out and that it includes an article on the HBR License category and a listing of SPD's compliance team.
- M. Ms. Ali Ikner spoke about drone pesticide application inquiries received by GDA and shared an Issue Paper with the Commission. She briefed the Commission on the issues and options. The Commission will continue the discussion at the next meeting.
- N. The Commission discussed the meeting dates for 2023. Meetings will be held second Tuesday of every month except July. Once a quarter, the meeting will be held in person while all others will be via Zoom. A Public Notice with these dates will be posted on the SPCC website.
- O. Mr. Tripp Martin and Mr. Boyd Pettit provided legislative updates. They gave a brief background of GeorgiaLink and Cartersville history. Early voting started yesterday. They expect changes in the state house and senate seats, committees, and chairs. Caucus will make nominations on November 11 then start prefiling bills. Election Day is November 8. Mr. Martin complimented the Commission on their coordinating efforts with the industry.
- P. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. No updates on EPA's proposed rodenticide decision. There will be several Senators up for reelection in 2024. California's Governor Newsom vetoed a pre-emption bill. The California Department of Pesticide Regulation regulates pesticides. Other pre-emption bills are expected to be proposed in 2023. Ms. Faye Golden mentioned the recent PestWorld Conference had a record attendance of almost 4000 with Georgia being well represented.
- Q. Mr. Lastinger provided an ASCPRO update. ASCPRO, NPMA, and EPA got together for a fumigation workshop recently in Davie, FL. Activities included reregistration form discussions and OIG new mitigation measures.
- R. The Commission discussed a letter written to them from an expired operator requesting a training extension. The extension was denied and ask the operator to retake the exam.
- S. Mr. David Cline of C&C Exterminating thanked the Commission and everyone else for their attendance and invited all attendees to have lunch.
- T. Mr. Gorecki made closing remarks and adjourned the meeting at 11:22 AM.

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### Agenda

October 18, 2022

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Welcome** – Mr. Tom Shinall, Savoy Director of Development

#### **Minutes**

#### **Old Business**

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- e. UAV Pesticide Applications – draft white paper
- f. 2013 Meeting Calendar
- g. Legislative update – Boyd Pettis
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review
- j. Lunch & Tour - Larry Cline, C & C Exterminators

#### **Adjournment**

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

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### **Company License Applications**

The Commission approved the following applications:

- 4K Pest Solutions LLC – Eastman
- Blossom Bees – Valdosta
- Integrated Pest Solutions – Grovetown
- Hornestead Honeybees LLC – Moultrie
- Turner Pest Control LLC – St. Marys

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Littoral Pest Solutions of Savannah – Chatham County (research fee)
- Toby Joe's Pest Control Services – Carroll County (insurance)
- Busy Bee Remover – Houston County (new name)
- Beyond Pest Control – Eustis, FL (insurance)
- Young's Pest Control – Lowndes County (insurance)

The Commission approved the following name change:

- Dixon Pest Services, Inc (97185) to Rentokil North America, Inc DBA Dixon Pest Services

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 8, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:02 AM on November 8, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler 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. Holley to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Mrs. Bragg 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 UGA Department of Entomology will host the January SPCC meeting in Athens. The Economic Impact Survey was handed out at CPCO's Fall Conference and had a return rate of 33%. The entomology student working on the project will also hand out the survey at GPCA's Winter Conference in January. Dr. Allison Johnson was in attendance and was introduced as the new Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) Coordinator for Georgia.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. He and other staff are attending the fall Pre-SFIREG Meeting being held this week. Pre-SFIREG is a subcommittee of EPA's Region 4 states that get together to discuss current pesticide issues and events. The chairperson will share the information with the full committee in December.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. SPD has a vacant inspector position posted. Top violations for routine inspections include concentration of pesticide used and method of application. Top violations in for-cause inspections include wood-to-ground contacts and methods of application.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. She advises the industry to update their contact information ahead of next year's renewal period. Course renewals will go live in December.
- I. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. Several SPD staff presented and provided outreach at CPCO's Fall Conference and will do the same at other conferences this fall and winter.
- J. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. After today's company application approvals, there will be four HBR Company Licenses and several Certified Operators. The recent HBR Training in Griffin included 25 participants. Another training is being planned for next Spring. A list of the HBR companies can be accessed online.
- K. The Commission discussed drone pesticide applications and the draft issue paper. It was decided that there is not enough interest to pursue actions at this time (see Attachment 3). Motion was made by Mrs. Bragg to finalize the Issue Paper. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.

- L. Mr. Lastinger spoke about the December Commission meeting and that it will be held in Room 201 of the Ag Building on December 13. Public Notice 22-04 is posted along with Public Notice 22-05 Meeting Schedule for 2023.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He asked the industry associations to help bring awareness to the industry to expect change in EPA's Certification and Training Rule.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 10:58am. Mr. Sinyard wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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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  
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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

November 8, 2022

**Open** – Vice Chairman Lastinger

#### **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. HBR Update
- e. UAV Pesticide Applications – draft white paper
- f. Public Notice 22-04 and 22-05
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- 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:

- Honey Please, LLC – Swainsboro
- Georgia Bee Removal – Monroe
- Massey Services, Inc – Jacksonville, FL
- First Strike Pest Elimination – Woodstock

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Pro-Tech Pest Solutions – Pierce County (insurance)
- Pest Doctor LLC – Henry County (name change)
- Couey's Pest Solutions – Bartow County (insurance)
- TNT Pest Control & Consulting LLC – Effingham County (insurance)
- Good Bye Bugs.com – Bibb County (insurance)
- Top Dog Pest – Walton County (insurance)

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### The Issue

The Georgia Department of Agriculture does not have a license category for the application of pesticides to a structure with an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). Pest control companies have approached the Structural Pest Division (SPD) about the possibility of using UAVs.

The current Aerial Methods subcategory is licensed by the Agricultural Inputs Division Pesticide Program and excludes the structural pest control categories<sup>1</sup>. The Rules of the Structural Pest Control Commission do not explicitly prohibit the use of a UAV to apply a pesticide to a structure.

### Background

There are several Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations that must be met before pesticide applications can be made with a drone. The UAV pilot would need to get FAA Remote Pilot Certification by passing the FAA's Part 107 Exam<sup>2</sup>. The UAV pilot would need to apply for an exemption from the applicable hazardous materials FAA regulations<sup>3</sup>. The company would need to hold a Part 137 Aircraft Operations Certificate<sup>4</sup>.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established Aerial Pest Control as a certification category in the 2017 update to the Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule<sup>5</sup>. This means if a category is created, Georgia's certification standards must meet or exceed the EPA's specific standards of competency for the category or must exclude the application of Restricted Use Pesticides.

At this time, UAVs are primarily used for agricultural pest control. The EPA has not done a risk assessment on using a UAV to apply a pesticide to a structure<sup>6</sup>. One done in the future could ultimately impact future use<sup>7</sup>.

Pest control companies in Georgia are already using drones to inspect structures<sup>8</sup>. Drones specialized for structural pesticide applications are being developed<sup>9</sup>.

### Options

Create a new structural aerial applicator category.

Coordinate with the Agriculture Inputs Division to update Rule 40-21-2-.01 and any related regulations to include SPD categories. This would include coordinating to create new training and exams, etc.

Not allow structural pesticide applications with a UAV.

<sup>1</sup><https://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/40-21-2>

<sup>2</sup>[https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial\\_operators/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/)

<sup>3</sup><https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-11#11.81>

<sup>4</sup>[https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced\\_operations/dispensing\\_chemicals](https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced_operations/dispensing_chemicals)

<sup>5</sup><https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-I/subchapter-E/part-171>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-03/documents/2018-10-31-ppdc-meeting-transcripts-official.pdf>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-11/documents/session-3-emerging-application-technologies-l-trossbach.pdf>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.mypmp.net/2018/06/01/drones-pest-control/>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.pctonline.com/article/autonomous-drones-for-pest-control/>



# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 13, 2022

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05AM, on December 13, 2022, at the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Room 201. All Commission members were present; Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler and Bodine Sinyard. Christy Kuriatnyk joined via teleconference.
- 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. Gorecki called the meeting to order and expressed appreciation because of the first in-person meeting in the Agriculture Building since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- D. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2)
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Entomology Update. The January SPCC Meeting will be at UGA and the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences will be in attendance. Dr. Forschler provided updates on the ongoing economic survey of the pest control industry. The survey aims to estimate the value of the pest control industry in the state of Georgia and how it compares to other agricultural industries. There are different surveys to target owners or employees of the pest management industry. Surveys were handed out at the CPCO event in October. Data collection is still ongoing. Surveys will be handed out during the GPCA Athens Winter Conference. The project should be complete in the Summer of 2023.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided department updates. Ms. Sandy Hayes received a promotion and has transitioned to her new role at GDA. However, she will still assist the SPCC until a replacement has been hired. The SPD met with the Region 4 EPA on December 12 about the cooperative grant. This was the first in-person meeting with EPA since 2019 and GDA will have a new project officer in 2023. The EPA will conduct an audit of our enforcement program. EPA has stated the Georgia Certification and Training plan is ready to be sent to EPA Headquarters for approval. Regulation changes will start over the next year.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement updates. SPD has been hearing questions and concerns from the industry about the 3-Day Right to Cancel guidance policy. The GDA recommends seeking legal counsel if anyone has questions about the exemptions. The top violations found during for-cause inspections in November were for recoding the required information during termite bait monitoring and for issuing non-compliant WIIRs with infestations found within 90 days. For routine inspections, the top violations were for method of application and the amount of pesticide applied.
- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. The reregistration training deadline for registered employees is on 02/28/2023. The SPD has begun to implement the

school IPM project that they were awarded a grant for from EPA. The project has two components, SPD inspectors will be going to schools to teach about IPM to elementary students and the SPD is partnering with UGA's Griffin campus to host School IPM workshops to school staff that perform pest management services for their schools. GDA met with Dr. Dan Suiter last week to work on workshop planning and have been able to include the new PSEP Coordinator, Dr. Allison Johnson, to help as well.

- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. This year, SPD inspectors attended GPCA and CPCO conferences, UGA workshops and other events across the state to reach over 9,000 people. They have also been able to reach about 2,000 consumers through participation in the Butterfly Festival and volunteering to help with the Georgia Grown Baby Barn at the Georgia National Fair. Please reach out to the SPD if you have an outreach opportunity.
- K. The Commission thanked Commissioner Gary Black for his service and presented him with a bench hand-crafted by Mr. Gorecki. Commissioner Black recognized the members of the SPCC.
- L. Mr. Lastinger spoke about the EPA proposed new mitigation measures for 11 rodenticides. The proposed measures would classify rodenticides as restricted use. EPA will also create "Bulletins Live!" as a resource to identify areas with geographically specific pesticide use limitations to protect threatened and endangered species. Eventually "Bulletins Live!" could be updated with all listed species affected by rodenticides. There is a 75-day comment period, the deadline for commenting is February 13th, 2023. Bell Labs will be working on documents about the impact of the proposed measures and will send them to CPCO and GPCA to disseminate to the industry. Ms. Bonnie Rabe and Ms. Faye Golden will provide updates at the January SPCC Meeting.
- M. Ms. Ikner provided updates on the Honeybee Control and Removal category. There are currently 7 Company Licenses in HBR. Out of the 7, 6 are only licensed in HBR. There will be another pre-examination training in the future, however no date has been set. Consumers can search for companies licensed in HBR on the website. The compliance date is January 1, 2023.
- N. Mr. Lastinger provided UAV pesticide application updates. There was discussion about using UAVs in structural pesticide application at the pre-SFIREG meeting and it was mentioned at the full-SFIREG national meeting. There are concerns from other states about the lack of guidance from the EPA.
- O. The Commission discussed Public Notice 22-05 and the 2023 Meetings. The state calendar was released yesterday and there are no conflicts with state holidays. The Commission and staff will prepare for the April in-person meeting in Savannah, the August meeting may be held at the Atlanta State Farmer's market, and the October meeting in South Georgia. The Commissioner elect might attend in the August meeting.
- P. Mr. Nigel Walton provided legislative updates. There is new leadership at the national level and the state level of the House and Senate. Pre-legislative filing has already started for the 2023 legislative session.
- Q. Mr. Rick Bell provided NPMA updates. A bill has been introduced in South Carolina regarding preemption. It would allow municipalities and townships to have governance over pesticide applications. There will be a conference call Friday discussing the proposed rodenticide mitigation measures, he will disseminate information from the call.

- R. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Gorecki shared his appreciation for another year of getting things done.

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### Agenda

December 13, 2022

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

#### **Minutes**

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- j. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

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### **Company License Applications**

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Arrow Exterminators – Lavonia
- Pest Tech Chattanooga - Chattanooga

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Task Force Eradicators – Harris County (email address)
- Top Hat Pest Control – Barrow County (insurance)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

January 10, 2023

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05AM, on January 10, 2023, at the University of Georgia Tate Center in Athens. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, and Dr. Brian Forschler.
- 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. Dr. Nick Place, Dean and Director of the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, offered greetings. He expressed that UGA is a critical partner for the structural pest control industry and that the research work done at UGA, and other land grant universities is critical for controlling and understanding pests and diseases.
- D. Mr. Gorecki thanked Dr. Place for his support and partnership.
- E. Motion was made by Ms. Bragg to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2)
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA entomology update and research update report (see Attachment 3). Dr. Forschler explained that he provides an annual research update because of the research fees his program receives from the Department. Dr. Forschler said that graduate students are the backbone of the research program and three attended the meeting to report on their urban entomology research. Ashley McCormick spoke about her research with kissing bugs, which are a primary vector of chagas disease. Kissing bugs are a household pest in Central and South America but are also in the southern United States, especially in the southwest. She worked with the Department of Defense to control the kissing bug risk. Karen Kiseti spoke about her research on bait control of the Asian Needle Ant. This is an invasive ant first found in Georgia in the 1930s that is a threat to native ant populations and to people because of its venomous sting. She is looking at different types of commercial baits for control of the ant. Jacob Winkles spoke about his project determining the economic contribution of the structural pest control industry to Georgia's economy. The industry is currently hidden within the "administrative and support and waste management and remediation services sector" in federal statistics regarding the economy. To estimate the economic contribution, Mr. Winkles is conducting in person and online surveys. Dr. Forschler said that five species of termites were identified in Georgia thanks to the research from Dr. Allison Jones and Jim Chase. There is evidence that four of the five termite species can hybridize.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided department updates. He introduced the SPD team members in attendance; Eric Robinson, Jennifer Pate, Jessica Gay, Teunde Alexander, Kevin Hancock, Ryan Lewis, Sadiyyah Hollins, and Yancey Barton. The field team is now fully staffed, Yancey Barton started as an inspector in January, though he previously worked with the Department

as a summer intern. Applications are open for summer internships with the GDA. Mr. Lastinger also introduced Michelle Diaz-Laboy from Region 4 EPA. She's the project officer for Georgia, meaning she oversees the cooperative grant with EPA. She's interested in learning more about our Georgia program and plans to go in the field with the compliance team. Mr. Lastinger also shared that Commissioner Elect Tyler Harper will be sworn in on the 12<sup>th</sup>, so the GDA has been prepping for the new administration.

- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement updates. Mr. Taylor said that the 2023 priorities are unlicensed operators, for-cause cases when complaints are received, then companies with the longest interval since their last inspection. In the last year, the SPD provided 674 tech assists, provided outreach 58 times, gave 48 presentations, and wrote 4 articles. The SPD conducted 1,159 inspections and of those inspections, 1,022 had violations. 7 settlement conferences were held, 5 consent orders were worked out, and there were 12 administrative orders. Out of the 12 administrative orders, there were \$234,500 worth of monetary penalties, \$41,500 of which was suspended. There were five self-reports. The most frequent violation seen at for-cause inspectors was wood-to-ground contact and at routine inspections it was concentration of pesticide applied. Mr. Taylor stated that the SPD is continuing to work on the Honeybee Control and Removal inspection program.
- J. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Ms. Ikner provided updated licensing numbers; there are 1,305 companies, 2,341 certified operators, and 9,583 registered employees. This year saw the implementation of the Honeybee Control and Removal (HBR) license category, which included development of the manual and the certification exam and two pre-exam trainings. There are now 14 operators certified in HBR and 7 companies licensed in HBR. The compliance deadline for the new HBR category was January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Ms. Ikner also provided some reminders for renewal. Companies cannot renew unless they have current insurance on file. Please ensure contact information is up to date for receipt of renewal notices. Registered Employees have until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to earn their CEUs for this renewal period. The GDA website was recently updated, and some resources have moved. Please reach out to the SPD if you have issues locating anything on the new website.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided further department updates. The next pre-exam training for HBR has not yet been scheduled but will occur in 2023. The first HBR recertification courses will be offered at the GPCA conference. At outreach events in 2022, the SPD reached 9,000 people from the structural pest control industry and about 2,000 consumers. The GDA website has a new, more modern look but the SPD is working to get a few things added that were not transitioned from the previous site.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided updates on the 2023 SPCC meetings. The goal is to have quarterly in-person meetings this year. The first in-person meeting was the January meeting in Athens. The next will be the April meeting in Savannah. There are plans to have a meeting in South Georgia, though the location has not yet been determined, and there will be a meeting in Atlanta.
- M. Mr. Gorecki expressed appreciation for the SPD and the partnership they have with the structural pest control industry.
- N. Ms. Faye Golden provided an update on the EPA proposed mitigation measures for rodenticides. In March of 2022, Bell Labs sent out notices that the EPA may be considering

making rodenticides RUPs. In November, the proposed measures were published on the federal register. There is a 75-day comment period. First- and second-generation rodenticides would become RUPs. If using any loose formulations, 14-mil gloves and respirators may be required. EPA is also advising carcass removal. If using zinc phosphide, carcass removal would be required. Applicators would also have to refer to Bulletins Live prior to making any applications to check for endangered species in the area. The deadline for comments is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

- O. Mr. Rick Bell delivered Mr. Trip Martin's legislative updates. House and senate members were sworn in on the 9<sup>th</sup>. John Burns is the new Speaker of the House and was previously chairman of the Agriculture Committee in the house. Still awaiting announcement of chairs and committee membership in the house and the senate. One special election left in the senate and there are three open seats in the house due to runoffs. Mr. Bell is working to identify some potential dates for a legislative barbeque at the capitol.
- P. Mr. Bell provided NPMA updates. NPMA is working diligently on comments on the proposed rodenticide measures. Mr. Bell announced that a petition has been received by the California Air and Resources Board to ban sulfuryl fluoride, which is a critical fumigant involved nationwide in termite control, food production, and pharmaceutical production. NPMA has legislative day scheduled in D.C. in late March. This is the year that the Farm Bill will be put together, want to ensure preemption remains in.
- Q. Mr. Gorecki thanked Dr. Forschler for his efforts arranging the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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| Attachment 1 | January 10 <sup>th</sup> Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission |
| Attachment 2 | Approved Company License Applications                               |
| Attachment 3 | Commission Report 2023  |

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Tyler Harper, Secretary



## **ATTACHMENT 1**



### **Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission**

**Chris Gorecki, Chairman**  
**Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman**  
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**Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia**  
**Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators**  
**Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions**  
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### **Agenda**

**January 10, 2023**

**Open - Chairman Gorecki**

**Welcome Remarks –Dr. Nick Place, UGA College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences**

#### **Minutes**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
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- d. EPA Proposed New Mitigation Measures for Rodenticides
- e. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

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### **ATTACHMENT 2**

#### **Company License Applications**

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Robins Pest Control – Warner Robins

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Dan's Mosquito Control, LLC – Gwinnett County (name change and email address)
- Brent's Honey Bee Rescue – Dougherty County (insurance)

### **ATTACHMENT 3**

**URBAN PEST CONTROL PROGRAM  
HOUSEHOLD AND STRUCTURAL ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GEORGIA**

DATE OF REPORT TO COMMISSION: January 10, 2023

**PROGRESS REPORT:**

The research programs' graduate students continue working on projects relevant to urban pest management through conducting experiments, data analysis, and writing publications. The enormous data set involving subterranean termites collected from all 159 counties in Georgia continues to demonstrate extraordinary insights. The examination of mtDNA sequence hint that 2 of the 5 described species might actually be what are called 'complexes' that will eventually be divided into additional species. A comparison of the aforementioned genetic data and physical characters of the soldier class also provides strong evidence that 4 of the described species have produced hybrids which complicates understanding these important, pestiferous ecosystem engineers. Fieldwork on ants, subterranean and drywood termites continues through collaborations with industry partners. The program is also involved in an economic survey of the industry in Georgia and collating data from available Department of Labor and Census sources to provide estimates of the Professional Pest Management industry's economic contribution to the Georgia economy.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Graduate student stipend expenditures were approximately \$60,000 in addition to \$5,000 for undergraduate student workers and \$10,000 for supplies and equipment. The State Structural Pest Control Commission research fee was used for all of the undergraduate student salaries, a portion of the graduate student stipends, as well as, equipment and supplies.

**PLANNED RESEARCH:**

We plan to address the following research areas over the next year: (1) the identification and distribution of termites in the state of Georgia (2) subterranean termite evolution and role of species in structural infestations (3) continuation of industry-sponsored examination of product efficacy and new application technologies (4) estimate the financial contribution the pest management professional industry makes to the Georgia state economy.

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

February 14, 2023

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:07 a.m., February, 2023, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present; Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, 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. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Mr. Lastinger provided department updates. The 2023 legislative season is underway. He named GDA's new administration; Jenna Saxon as Chief of Staff, Kathryn Russell as Director of Policy, and Harlan Proveaux as Inspector General. GDA will be creating a Law Enforcement Division.
- E. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement updates. Mr. Taylor reported the most frequent violations seen at routine inspections was concentration and amount of pesticide applied. The most frequent violations seen at for-cause inspections was wood-to-ground contact and amount of pesticide applied.
- F. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. Registered Employees have until February 28, 2023, to earn their CEUs for this renewal period. Due to the volume of CEUs coming in at this time, it is taking longer for CEUs to be processed and posted online. The next HBR Training is scheduled for June 8 through the UGA Extension. Mr. Lastinger mentioned an inquiry regarding HBR sales and if it requires the HBR certification. The inquiry is currently under review by the GDA legal team.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the outreach update. The Winter edition of the Inside Buzz went out and included information on license renewals. The UGA Bed Bug Workshop was held February 2. The Commercial IPM Workshop will be February 16, Termite Workshop 1 will be March 9-10, Termite Workshop 2 will be March 23-24. All workshops are held at UGA Griffin Campus. GA Clean Day will be March 29 in Coffee County and pre-registration is required.
- H. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Entomology Update. Data collection from the Economic Impact Survey remains ongoing. He appreciated the associations for their work on getting the survey out. Dr. Forschler encourages attendance to Dr. Suiter's pest management upcoming webinars and to visit the UGA Extension website for additional information.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's proposed new mitigation measures for 11 rodenticides. The deadline for comments was midnight on February 13. Commissioner Harper submitted comments on behalf of GDA highlighting the impacts the proposal could have on the state of Georgia. Comments were also made by ASPCRO, SFIREG, GPCA and NPMA. NPMA submitted comments on behalf of industry partners.

- J. Ms. Faye Golden provided NPMA updates. NPMA wrote a Letter of Support on the Farm Bill and preemption. NPMA's Legislative Day in D.C. will be March 22-24. Mr. Gorecki expressed his appreciation to NPMA for their work and use of resources regarding preemption.
- K. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2)
- L. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Tyler Harper, 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

February 14, 2023

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Welcome Remarks**

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Derrick Lastinger
- d. EPA Proposed New Mitigation Measures for Rodenticides
- e. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- f. NPMA update – Faye Golden
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Arrow Exterminators – Fayetteville
- Atlanta Metro Pest & Mosquito Control – Lawrenceville
- Easier Remodeling – Atlanta
- JCB Honeybee Removal – LaGrange
- Beans Bees and Honey – Marietta
- Stokes Pest Control, LLC – North Augusta, SC
- Ocmulgee Pest Control – Eastman
- Trust Exterminating – Ocoee, TN
- Prevent A Bug – Yulee, FL
- Peach Town Pest Control – Hampton
- Urbanex Atlanta, LLC dba Urbanex Pest Control – Nashville, TN
- Safe Spray Pest Control – Opelika, AL

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Antman's Lawn, Pest, & Mosquito Solutions – DeKalb County (email, insurance)
- Rogue Pest & Wildlife Management – Roswell (email)
- The Bug Company Termite and Pest Control LLC – Murphy, NC (name change)
- Rusty Pest Solutions – Meigs (email)
- Shield Pest Control – Fannin County (insurance)
- Jones Exterminating – Gwinnett County (name change, insurance)
- Kingshield – Rex (insurance)
- Southeast Bee Removal LLC – Fayette County (email)

The Commission approved the following name change applications:

- Preferred Pest Control (97868) to Palmetto Exterminators, LLC dba Preferred Pest Control
- RK Environmental Services, LLC (100626) to Rentokil North America, Inc dba RK Environmental Services
- Lookout Pest Control, Inc (97333) to Lookout Pest Control, LLC
- Jamey Clark's Termite & Pest Control (100158) to Anticimex Carolinas, LLC dba Jamey Clark's Termite & Pest Control

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 14, 2023

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:08 a.m., March 14, 2023, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, 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. A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Mr. Lastinger discussed the April meeting and that it will be held at the Port of Savannah. The meeting will begin at 10:00am on April 11 in the Conference Room of the Georgia Port Authority Administrative Building. A link to the driving directions can be found in Public Notice 23-01 posted on the SPCC's website.
- E. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. NPMA's Legislative Days will be in D.C. next week. NPMA members met with a House Ag Committee Member two weeks ago to discuss preemption the Endangered Species Act. The C&T Rule deadline has been extended to November 4, 2023. EPA has created an office of Environmental Justice.
- F. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the legislative update. Today is the 33<sup>rd</sup> day of session, the last day will be March 29. He spoke about HB528 sponsored by Representative Gaines concerning the automatic renewal of contracts. The Commission members discussed how contracts are regulated under the current rules and regulations, and how the bill could affect the pest control industry. Mr. Martin will draft language for GDA's Director of Policy to consider and get the recommendations submitted to the Committee Chairman by end of day.
- G. Dr. Brian Forschler will provide the UGA Entomology update next month.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. The processing of CEU records are up to date. He provided some renewal reminders and requested the industry to make sure their insurance records, contact information, and registered employees are correct; and report any issues regarding employee training records. Companies, Certified Operators, and Registered Employees can be renewed at the same time this year. UGA will host another Honeybee Control and Removal Training Course on June 8, more information to come.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement updates. Compliance inspections are a priority. Mr. Taylor reported the most frequent violation found during routine inspections was method of application and concentration of pesticide applied. The most frequent violation found during a for-cause inspections was wood-to-ground contact. He encourages the industry to refer to the Pesticide Use Compliance Fact Sheet for guidance to improve record-keeping compliance.



- J. Mrs. LeAnna Merritt provided an update on outreach activities. The first termite workshop was held March 9-10 with three SPD staff as instructors and 40 participants. The next termite workshop will be held March 23-24. These workshops are held at UGA Griffin campus. SPD will have an intern this summer. Outreach will be provided at the Butterfly Festival June 3-4 at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell.
- K. Mr. Lastinger mentioned an inquiry regarding HBR sales and if it requires the HBR certification. The inquiry was reviewed by the GDA legal team. HBR services can be sold by Registered Employees if the company and Certified Operator are properly licensed in HBR.
- L. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2). Mr. Taylor mentioned a certification exam application that is being held until a consent agreement is signed under an administrative order for operating without a license.
- M. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's proposed new mitigation measures for 11 rodenticides. Commissioner Harper sent a letter to EPA highlighting some of the state concerns and impacts the proposal could have on the State of Georgia. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that he met with the Rodenticide Task Force chairperson during the recent AAPCO conference about EPA required stewardship.
- N. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's revised language regarding early mitigation for sulfuryl fluoride. He highlighted some concerns with clearance devices, efficacy monitoring requirements, and the California Aeration Plan (CAP). April 16 is the deadline to submit comments and he plans to reconvene the ASPCRO fumigation workgroup to review and submit comments to EPA.
- O. Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission to review the updated HBR Fact Sheet. There are no changes to the policy. The original fact sheet was published before the exam and training were available. Mrs. Bragg made a motion to approve the updated HBR Fact Sheet. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Tyler Harper, Secretary

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### Agenda

March 14, 2023

Open - Chairman Gorecki

Welcome Remarks

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – LeAnna Merritt
- d. EPA Proposed New Mitigation Measures for Rodenticides
- e. Sulfuryl fluoride revised mitigation
- f. Public Notice 23-01
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- 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:

- Pestline – Murphy, NC (carryover from last month)
- NuVolve – Buford (carryover from last month)
- Allsect Pest Control – Atlanta
- Statesboro Pest Control, LLC – Statesboro
- Prewett Pest Control – Auburn, AL
- Pyrex Pest Control – Clarkesville
- Pollard's Produce LLC – Fayetteville
- Your Pest Control, LLC – Dahlonega

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Excalibur Pest Control – Bryan County (new name, insurance)
- Bug Commanders LLC – Towns County (insurance)
- Red Hawk – Jackson County (insurance)
- Pest Solutions LLC dba Critter Control – Fulton County (signature of applicant)
- Anthem Pest Control – Cobb County (\$90 payment)
- Bugs Headquarters Pest Control – Walton County (email)

The Commission did not approve the following applications:

- Pest Away – Cobb County (incomplete application, new name)

The Commission approved the following name change applications:

- Bug House Pest Control (100517) to BHPC, LLC dba Bug House Pest Control

The Commission did not approve the following name change applications:

- Abe's Pest Control (100241) to Alpha Exterminating (new name)
- Lake Lanier Pest Control (100525) to Taycan Pest Solutions Inc. dba Complete Pest Solutions (new name)

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 11, 2023

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Georgia Port Authority Administrative Building located in Garden City on April 11, 2023. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Port Authority, EPA OIG, Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Mr. Gorecki opened the meeting with an appreciation to Mr. Sinyard and the Georgia Port Authority for hosting today's meeting.
- D. A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mrs. Bragg seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- E. The Commission approved company applications (see attachment 2)
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Entomology Update. Dr. Suiter's Spring workshop series has wrapped up. Dr. Forschler encourages attendance on the pest management webinars and to visit the UGA Extension website for additional information. Data collection from the Economic Impact Survey is expected to be final this Fall. The student working on the project will graduate in December.
- G. U.S. Customs and Border Protection representatives Chief Milton King and Corey Lash spoke about pest control concerns on the port and on vessels. USDA is required to issue an action plan for international pests like the Africanized Honeybees, making the process to control or exterminate them troublesome. CBP can determine the action for local pests and asked for advice on how to find licensed pest control companies and honeybee operators. Mr. Gorecki explained the difference between HPC and HBR licenses. Ms. Ali Ikner will show Chief Lash how to navigate the structural pest control license online database.
- H. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the certification and training update. He spoke about a pre-test and post-test that was implemented in the Spring termite workshops and how these tests are used to determine which topics need more attention for future workshops. Mr. Taylor reported the most frequent violations found during routine inspections were missing license numbers and method of application. The most frequent violation found during for-cause inspections was specific area treated and wood-to-ground contact.
- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. EPA Region 4 has approved the new C&T plan. She recapped the timeline of events since the 2017 announcement and will share a report with the Commission next month of the rules requiring a change. States will have an implementation timeline of 5 years to be in compliance. Ms. Ikner provided renewal reminders and encourages companies to check their insurance expiration dates through online company profiles. Send insurance documents via email to

[insurance@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:insurance@agr.georgia.gov). Renewal notices will be sent via email mid-May. Renewal reminders will go out in the mail in June. The renewal deadline to avoid late fees is June 30. The next Honeybee Control and Removal training will be June 8 and will be available at multiple locations. Locations will be announced closer to the date.

- J. Mrs. LeAnna Merritt and Ms. Ikner provided an update on outreach activities. The most recent edition of The Inside Buzz went out last week and included an article by Commissioner Tyler Harper. Structural Pest inspectors attended School IPM Project training. Mr. Tim Taylor and Mr. Eric Robinson provided a pest lesson to an elementary class and received positive feedback from the students and their parents. The next lesson is planned for next week. Mr. Lastinger mentioned the benefits of teaching students about the Department of Agriculture during the School IPM lessons. Mrs. Merritt recognized the SPD inspectors that participated in the Spring workshops and shared the dates for the Fall workshops. Home IPM Workshop is August 3. School IPM Workshop is August 17. Termite Workshop 1 is August 31 and September 1. Termite Workshop 2 is September 14-15. The Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival will be June 4-5. Mrs. Merritt asked the Commission members to share any outreach ideas they may have with SPD staff.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. Commissioner Tyler Harper, Inspector General Harlan Proveaux, and Deputy Inspector Dominic Lariccia joined the Commission members for a tour of the Port of Savannah. GDA will host the Region 4 Pre-SFIREG meeting this week in Chatham County. This regional meeting provides a platform for Region 4 states to meet with EPA to discuss FIFRA program related issues. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Augusta Tech apprenticeship program and stated that there has not been any interest. Mrs. Bragg will reach out to Augusta Tech for more information. Mr. Lastinger and Mrs. Merritt walked through some revisions to the New Company Compliance Fact Sheet. Revisions include links to the new website, verbiage update from violation to non-compliance, and additional guidance on Compliance Assistance Inspections. Mr. Gorecki made recommendations to the fact sheet. A revised draft will be shared at the next meeting. Mr. Lastinger and his team recently met with the GPCA and CPCO Board members to discuss how-to resources for new companies.
- L. Mrs. Kuriatnyk provided a Public Health update. The organizers of the Healthy Homes Conference are interested in including a track of educational classes offering CEUs at their next conference. Details will be discussed at a later meeting.
- M. Mr. Gorecki introduced the Inspector General for EPA, Michael Sparks. Mr. Sparks expressed his appreciation to the Commission for the meeting invitation. He spoke about his work with EPA's Office of Investigations and the work he does with the Georgia Port Authority, and more specifically with illegal and fraudulent pesticides coming into the United States. He encourages the industry to report suspicious findings and if you see something, say something.
- N. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's proposed new mitigation measures for rodenticides. The ASCPRO rodenticide committee met last week and discussed public health safety and the concerns if this proposal to reclassify rodenticides as restricted use becomes final.
- O. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on EPA's revised language regarding early mitigation for sulfuryl fluoride. ASCPRO's fumigation workgroup recently met to discuss this topic and the

concerns with clearance devices, efficacy monitoring requirements, and the California Aeration Plan (CAP). The final decision is expected to be announced in June.

- P. Mr. Lastinger introduced GDA's Chief Information Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. William Rutherford. Mr. Rutherford gave a presentation on GDA's Emergency Response efforts, including how GIS is used to support the department's compliance and licensing programs. GIS is integrated hardware and software that uses maps from multiple perspectives using static analysis. He shared how data was collected and used for Hurricane Michael and the Farm Recovery Block Grant, tracking Avian Influenza, and the recent tornados that hit the state.
- Q. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He started by complimenting GDA on the recent edition of the Inside Buzz and article from Commissioner Tyler Harper. Preemption and rodenticides were the focus of discussions at NPMA's Legislative Day.
- R. Mr. Rick Bell provided the Legislative update. SB145 titled the LEAF Act was passed preventing local municipalities from putting an ordinance on gas blowers. HB528 passed requiring annual contract renewals to be conducted over the phone or in person. GDA is not affected by this due to the rules and regulations already in place. The SPCC and GeorgiaLink worked together to make this exemption happen.
- S. Mr. Gorecki closed the meeting by expressing appreciation to all the guests in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Tyler Harper, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Agenda

April 11, 2023

**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

**Welcome Remarks** –James McCurry, Jr., Georgia Ports Authority

#### **Minutes**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

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  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. EPA Proposed New Mitigation Measures for Rodenticides
- e. Sulfuryl fluoride revised draft early mitigation
- f. GDA Emergency Response – William Rutherford
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- 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:

- Milton Honey Farm LLC – Milton
- Georgia Bee Rescue – Albany
- Family Mosquito & Pest – Woodstock
- Axiom Pest Solutions – Brunswick
- EZ-Pest Solutions – Canton
- Pest Master – location?

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Partners Pest Solutions – Fulton County (insurance, research fee)
- MissQuito – Cobb County (DCO, insurance)
- Breda Pest Management Inc – Fulton County (insurance)
- Stinger Bee Removal – Franklin County (new name, insurance)

The Commission approved the following name change applications pending additional information:

- Varsity Termite and Pest (100502) to Pest Ninja (insurance)



**MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 9, 2023**

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. via zoom conference on May 9, 2023. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley; Dr. Brian Forschler and Bodine Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA representatives, EPA, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bragg and the motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company applications (see attachment 2)
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He is looking forward to the commencement ceremonies for this year. He announced the news of the endowment provided by Rollings to the Orkin professorship and Urban Entomology and congratulated Dr. Dan Suiter as the first recipient of this prestigious recognition. He invited the Commission to send a congratulatory email to Dr. Suiter. He provided an update regarding the work of his graduate student's economic impact survey and report. This work may be of use to move forward discussions with state legislators and may establish a road map to highlight the economic impact the industry has in Georgia. Dr. Forschler discussed an area of psychology, related to the subject of cognitive learning, and shared a homework assignment for undergraduate entomology course related to the Power of Language in the Public Perception and Thinking about Insects.
- F. Mr. Lastinger discussed the April Commission meeting. At this meeting, Commissioner Harper met with the Commission and he and his team joined for the Port of Savannah tour. Also, GDA hosted a meeting last month with Region IV states to discuss state related FIFRA issues. The next meeting is scheduled for the month of June. Mr. Lastinger introduced Mr. Carlos Caraballo-Parrilla to the Commission as a new team member of the Division in the role of office support.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided an update on the Compliance and Enforcement Program. He shared with the Commission an investigation involving an individual that attempted to bribe a technical college examination proctor. Tim asked the Commission for enforcement guidance since the incident could be considered under the current cheating policy. This opened a discussion on how to enforce similar cases, Mr. Sinyard stated that even if this is not included in the Cheating Policy, it can be considered an indirect form of cheating. This subject was tabled for the next Commission meeting to consider an update to the current policy.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. She spoke about the outreach efforts that were conducted to get updated insurance from companies that had expired policies on file. Prior to the outreach, nearly half of all currently licensed companies had

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expired insurance on file but the number was reduced to approximately four hundred. Company licenses cannot be renewed unless the Department has current insurance verification. She also brought before the Commission that historically the Division has honored general exam scores for one year, though the rules state that all requirements for certification must be completed within ninety days of notification of passing an exam or reexamination is required. The Commission was asked to consider if they would like to amend the policy and discuss further at a future meeting.

- I. Ms. Ikner shared about a recent school IMP lesson, which is a part of the Region 4 EPA IPM Grant the Department was awarded. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, LeAnna Merritt, Sadiyyah Hollins and Ms. Ikner presented the lesson to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade agriculture classes at Northwest Laurens Elementary School. It was highlighted on the front page of the May 17<sup>th</sup> issue of the Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin.
- J. Mrs. Nan Collier provided an update on the outreach program and highlighted the work of the field inspectors taking part in these events. Mrs. Collier shared the next outreach event, at the Chattahoochee Nature Center's Annual Butterfly Festival, scheduled for June 3-4, 2023.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Business Name Policy, Notice 17-01. The commission discussed and considered adding "Removal, Termite(s) and Bees" to those names considered not distinguishable under this rule. A motion was made by Greg Holley to amend the policy. Kim Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided updates on Notice 14-03 Compliance Fact Sheet for new companies. This fact sheet is a great resource for new companies. A motion was made by Kim Bragg to accept the updates. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- M. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recent trend with untrained and unregistered pest control technicians. GDA is currently investigating several incidents of companies operating untrained and unregistered technicians involved in the solicitation and sale of pest control services. It was suggested to provide consumer alerts during GDA outreach events for consumers to raise public awareness.
- N. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the Legislative update. He provided an update on HB 528 and the exemption for GDA regulated services. The bill places another layer of consumer restrictions to renew contracts and services. He provided an update on the presidential primary that was moved to Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- O. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He discussed President Biden's new Office of Environmental Justice to coordinate federal activities. He provided an update on the new Farm Bill 2023 and pesticide pre-emption language.
- P. Mr. Gorecki closed the meeting by expressing appreciation to all the guests in attendance and welcomed Carlos to the team. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING MAY 9, 2023

## ATTACHEMENT I

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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

May 9, 2023

**Open** - Vice Chairman Lastinger

#### **Minutes**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

- a. New Company Applications - Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates - Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement - Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training - Ali Ikner
  - Outreach - Nan Collier
- d. License Renewal 2023-2025
- e. Notice 17-01 Business Naming Policy
- f. Notice 17-03 State Inspections
- g. Employee Registration and soliciting business
- h. Legislative update - Trip Martin
- i. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- j. Certification Examination Application Review

#### **Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 9, 2023**

**ATTACHMENT 2**

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**Company License Applications**

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Arrow Exterminators – Eatonton
- Diamond Hill Bee Company - Gillsville
- Sonnie' s Bees - Hoschton

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Mayday Exterminator – Florida (Name Change)

The Commission approved the following name change applications.

- Atlanta Metro Pest & Mosquito Control to Atlanta Metro Lawn Service, LLC
- TNT Pest Control and Consulting LLC to TNT Pest Control and Consulting LLC DBA TNT Pest Control

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 13, 2023

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on June 13, 2023, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Mr. Chris Gorecki, Chairperson, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk, Bodine Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, EPA, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Brian Forschler provided an update highlighting the HBR Pre-examination training held on June 8th, 2023. Dr. Forschler mentioned that it was a full day of training, and that the training went very well. He asked to hear from Ali and Tim information on numbers and attendance. Ms. Ali added that the SPD is pending attendance records, and that the training was broadcast to eleven county extension offices, the GPC office and UGA Griffin Campus for a total of thirteen 13 locations across the state.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department update. He mentioned that on June 7th Georgia Grown was highlighted at the Atlanta Braves game. Today, the GDA is meeting with the Georgia Agribusiness council, but overall, the GDA is gearing up for the end of the year state budget and getting ready for the new year starting on July 1. The Commission will be wrapping up, as this is the last SPCC meeting of the fiscal year, finalizing all the reports and preparing the end of year activities report for the Governor. The Department has been working with US EPA on the federal grant side, and noted there have been delays with the federal funding.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided an update on Compliance and Enforcement. He reviewed the requirements for current employee registration pre-examination training form. The division has seen some compliance issues with the SPCC Pre Examinations Training Forms. The SPCC issued the form on March 13, 2018, with a July 1, 2019 compliance date. The form requires the documentation of ten hours of classroom training and seventy hours of on-the-job training. Chairman Gorecki recommended that the form be distributed to the commission for further review. Tim added that the issues with the Pre-Examination Training Forms are not widespread compliance issues but were found during some ongoing investigations.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Certification and Training update. She provided an overview of renewal season so far. The first renewal notifications were sent out on May 17th and reminders were sent to those who had not yet renewed by the first week of June. A final reminder email will be sent out again to those who have still not renewed by the end of the month. Notifications were sent by email and by letter, please reach out if you have not

received a notice to ensure your contact information is current. Ms. Ikner provided updated renewal numbers: 619 of 1,342 licensed companies have renewed, 4,464 of 10,624 registered employees have renewed, and 1,339 of 2,475 certified operators have renewed. The renewal deadline is June 30th. Renewal fees will double after the deadline.

- I. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff provided pollinator protection outreach at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 3-4. Over 1200 attendees were recorded each day. GDA staff discussed information on Pesticide Safety and Protection, Pollinators, and the importance of hiring Licensed Pest Control Companies. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to Ms. Collier for organizing the outreach event.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Georgia Pesticide Applicators & Training Plan. The Commission asked Ali to put together a roadmap of the Certification and Training Plan due to rules and policies changes for the Commission to consider, she has the draft ready to go and it will be sent out to be discussed at the next meeting.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed Notice 17-03 State Inspections and Notice 17-01 Examination Cheating Policy updates. Notice 17-01 is currently under review by GDA Legal Services Division.
- L. Ms. Shalamar Parham provided the legislative update.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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## ATTACHMENT 1

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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

June 13, 2023

**Open** –Chairman Gorecki

#### **Minutes**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Georgia Pesticide Applicator Certification & Training Plan
- e. License Renewal 2023-2025
- f. Notice 17-03 State Inspections
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- 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:

- Cardinal Pest Management – Rockmart
- Karmon Pest Management, LLC – Covington
- Turkey Creek Honey Bee Rescue – Dublin
- Pest Magic – Forsyth
- Ace Pest Solutions, LLC - Hartwell

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Clean Weavers LLC – Pembroke (insurance and email address)
- GFC Pest Services – Hartwell (insurance)
- Omega Pest Solutions – Fayetteville (insurance)
- B3 Removals LLC – Covington (new name)
- Mayday Exterminator, Florida (name appeal denied, new name)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- One Dead Bug Termite and Pest Solutions to One Dead Bug
- Rusty Pest Solutions to Rusty's Pest Solutions LLC

The Commission did not approve the following name change applications:

- TAC Mosquito and Pest Solutions to TAC Mosquito and Pest Solutions by the Adams Co