

# 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 pre-filing 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.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

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

### Agenda

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**Open** - Chairman Gorecki

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

#### **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. 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