

**STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**Veterans' Memorial Auditorium**  
**5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA**  
**June 29, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Parker at 9:32 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Todd Parker, Dr. Ansel Rankins, Jarrod Horton, Edward Reynolds, and Dr. James Ottea.

Others present: Harry Schexnayder-LDAF, Paeton Burkett-LDAF Attorney, Kevin Wofford-LDAF, Kelly Moore-LDAF, Alicia Wheeler-Hearing Officer, Amy McInnis-LDAF Attorney, Shelly Graham-LDAF, Milton Schleismann-LDAF, Jeff Porter-LPMA, Dr. Karen Sun, Jeff Hargrave-Cajun Bug Exterminating, and Jacob Cohn-Arrow Pest Control.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**Motion:** Mr. Parker made a motion to include Bruno Milanese II's licensee application under agenda item IX. Consideration of Licensee Applications. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ottea and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jeff Hargrave from Cajun Bug Exterminating notified the Commission that his company will be presenting a contract for approval during the meeting and that he will be present to answer any questions concerning that contract.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Motion:** Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously.

**ADJUDICATORY HEARING**

Hearing Officer Alicia Wheeler conducted the hearing. LDAF Attorney Paeton Burkett presented the following cases:

**Jeremy Calais, Case No. 2343**

The Department charged Mr. Calais with five (5) violations LRS 3:3371(A)(14), specifically LAC 7:XXV 117(K), two (2) violations LRS 3:3371(A)(14, specifically LAC 7:XXV 141(E)(2), and five (5) violations LRS 3:3371(A)(14), specifically LAC 7:XXV 141(E)(4).

Ms. Burkett admitted LDAF's Exhibits 1 and 2 into the record.

Mr. Calais was not present. Respondent admits to allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$3,000 within 30-days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

**Motion:** Mr. Horton made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and passed unanimously.

**Scott Strange, Case No. 2344**

The Department charged Mr. Strange with one (1) violation LRS 3:3371(A)(14), specifically LAC 7:XXV 141(A)(2).

Ms. Burkett admitted LDAF's Exhibits 1 and 2 into the record.

Mr. Strange was not present. Respondent admits to allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$500.00, with \$250.00 suspended, within 30-days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

**Motion:** Mr. Parker made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously.

**Jared LaJaunie, Case No. 2345**

The Department charged Mr. LaJaunie with six (6) violations LRS 3:3371(A)(14), specifically LAC 7:XXV 141(A)(2).

Ms. Burkett admitted LDAF's Exhibits 1 and 2 into the record.

Mr. LaJaunie was not present. Respondent admits to allegations and agrees to pay the penalty of \$3,000.00 within 30-days after receipt of the Commission's acceptance. The stipulation was signed by all parties.

**Motion:** Mr. Reynolds made a motion to accept the facts set forth in the stipulation and that the penalty be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Research Committee Report – Todd Parker***

Mr. Parker introduced Dr. Karen Sun from the LSU AgCenter Department of Entomology. Dr. Sun updated the Commission on the research of termite behavior over the past year, along with upcoming projects, from her department. She thanked LDAF for all their support over the last few years.

Mr. Parker stated that the Research Committee recommends continuing to support the LSU AgCenter research by approving the funding of \$50,000.00.

**Motion:** Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Research Committee to continue funding for Structural Pest Control research through the LSU AgCenter at \$50,000.00. *Dr. Ottea recused himself.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously by the remaining members.

***Contracts for Approval – Harry Schexnayder***

Mr. Schexnayder presented a contract submitted by Cajun Bug Exterminating, along with a standard baiting contract for the State of Louisiana. Mr. Hargrave briefed the Commission on the specifics of both contracts.

**Motion:** Dr. Rankins made a motion for approval of the two contracts submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously.

***LPMA Report – Jeff Porter***

Mr. Porter thanked Dr. Sun for the research and spoke about the importance of it for the industry. He also thanked the Commission for their continued support and funding of the research.

There are currently four licensee re-certification classes planned between now and the end of the year.

LPMA has now taken over the administration for the Lois Caffey Termite Training Center.

The annual convention is scheduled for January 25-27, 2022 at the Renaissance Hotel.

***LDAF Report – Harry Schexnayder***

Mr. Schexnayder discussed the Public Hearing for Rules Changes that was held on May 27, 2021. No one from the public attended the hearing, but the Department did receive several comments via email and responded to those comments.

The proposed rules changes should be adopted in August of 2021.

***Discussion on Licensee Testing – Harry Schexnayder***

Mr. Schexnayder spoke about plans to offer licensee testing electronically in the future. The Commission discussed several concerns regarding the licensee tests.

**CONSIDERATION OF LICENSEE APPLICATIONS**

<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>PHASES</b>	<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>COMMISSION DECISION</b>
Jonathan Amico	GPC CVC	Approve Approve	Approve Approve
Robert S. Anderson	TC	Approve	Approve
Brandon Scott Ezell	GPC CVC TC	Approve Approve Approve	Approve Approve Approve
Bannon Lightsey	GPC CVC TC	Approve Approve Approve (pending CACTP)	Approve Approve Approve (pending CACTP)
Damian Manuel	GPC CVC TC	Approve Approve Approve (pending CACTP)	Approve Approve Approve (pending CACTP)

Tyler Mayeux	GPC	Approve	Approve
Torrie B. Pravata	GPC CVC	Approve Approve	Approve Approve
Stephen Soldano	GPC CVC TC	Approve Approve Approve	Approve Approve Approve
Matthew Theriot	GPC CVC TC	Approve Approve Approve	Approve Approve Approve
Bruno Milenese II	GPC CVC TC	Approve Approve Approve (pending CACTP)	Approve Approve Approve (pending CACTP)

**Motion:** Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve Mr. Robert Anderson in Termite Control and Ms. Torrie Pravata in General Pest Control and Commercial Vertebrate Control. *Mr. Reynolds recused himself.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously by remaining members.

**Motion:** Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve Mr. Tyler Mayeux in General Pest Control. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve all remaining applicants. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ottea and passed unanimously.

### **STATUS REPORTS**

Mr. Schexnayder presented the status report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Schexnayder introduced Ms. Burkett to the Commission as the new LDAF Attorney.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jacob Cohn, with Arrow Pest Control, spoke to the Commission about his concerns regarding document requests to LDAF, termite regulations, and termite monitors.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Structural Pest Control Commission meeting will be held on September 21, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Dr. Rankins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horton and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.