

North Carolina Industrial Hemp Commission

MINUTES

February 13, 2017 10:30 AM
Martin Building, NC State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, NC

Commission attendees	Other official attendees
Guy Carpenter	
Chief Tony Godwin	Jon Lanier, NCDA&CS
Billy McLawhorn	Ann Brown, NCDOJ
Tom Melton, PhD	Lori Pfister, Research Stations Division
Sheriff Sam Page	
Fen Rascoe	
Pat Short	
Sandy Stewart, PhD	
Guochen Yang, PhD	

Call to Order – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

Statement Concerning Conflicts of Interest – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

Recognition of Special Guests – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

Opening Statement – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

Approval of Minutes from December 22, 2016 meeting – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

Motion to not have a reading of the minutes from the Dec 22 meeting. McLawhorn make the motion, Carpenter seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion to approve the minutes from the December 22 meeting? Carpenter make the motion, Page seconds it. All in favor.

Order of Business

- Questions or comments from IHC regarding the submitted public comments or transcript from the public hearing? **Melton** – Asks; None. Any motions from the commission to modify the rules based on those comments? **Page** – asks a question based on one raised from the industry regarding the possession or processing of the fiber. **Melton** – answers that he is familiar with this particular concern. He states the man and his company believes they have some exposure to the law by not being permitted as grower, they want the commission to permit them in a way. As we understand it we do not have the authority to do that. The law would have to be modified to give the IHC that authority. **Page** - his second question in the definition of the rules. The concern over the bona fide farmer. Is that excluding persons wanting to get involved. **Melton** – outlines the four ways that an applicant may identify as a farmer. This is the measure used to determine if they are a farmer. **Page** – that is what has been established by the federal tax code as to what a farmer is? **Melton** – I believe that is what is based off the state law. **Stewart** – that is what the Dept. of Revenue of NC uses to determine farm income for people who want to apply for a farm sales tax exemption and is language that is consistent with the NC Dept. of Revenue. **Page** – we are consistent with state law? Then that was my second question, thank you. **Melton** – reasserts an offer for any motions to modify the rules. None.
- Adoption of the proposed Temporary Rules for submission to the Rules Commission at the Office of Administrative Hearings. **Melton** - Calls for a motion to adopt the proposed temporary

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rules to be submitted to the Rules Commission at the office of Administrative Hearings. McLawhorn makes the motion and Rascoe seconds it. Discussion? None. All in favor.

- Review of the proposed application options for licensure for adoption. **Melton** – The IHC has been advised to go into Executive Session to receive counsel for legal counsel present. Calls for motion to have the meeting go into Executive Session. Rascoe makes the motion, Page seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - **Melton** - asks the public crowd to step outside of the room for a few minutes and doors will be opened when session is finished.

The crowd left the building for the executive session. Minutes recorded on separate document.

- The crowd came back in after the session was concluded.
- The meeting resumes: Call for motion back into public session. Stewart makes the motion. Short seconds, all in favor.
- The review of the application alternatives. **Melton** reads the unmodified version of the application instructions, clarifying for the public as needed. **Pfister** – reads the modified version of the instructions for the application with language for multiple purposes as an option.
- **Melton** – “A allows for one any number of research purpose to be selected. B allows for only one. A tries to make it very clear that by selecting more than one will results in more reporting for the individual grower.” Calls for motion. Short makes motion that we adopt option A, Rascoe seconds it. Discussion? None. All in favor.
- **Melton** – announces the target date for the application to be available is March 1st. States the increase in frequency of meetings required for the approval of applications. The idea of weekly telephone call meetings as possibility is announced. The meetings will be open to the public but there will to be public comment.
- Other Business – none.

Adjourn

- Rascoe makes the motion to adjourn, Page seconds it. All in favor.

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