

North Carolina Industrial Hemp Commission

MINUTES

June 9, 2017 11:00 AM

Telephone / Internet Conference Call

Commission attendees	Other official attendees
Guy Carpenter	
Chief Tony Godwin- <i>absent</i>	
Billy McLawhorn	Anne Brown, NCDOJ
Tom Melton, PhD	Lori Pfister, Research Stations Division
Sheriff Sam Page	
Fen Rascoe- <i>absent</i>	
Pat Short- <i>absent</i>	
Sandy Stewart, PhD	
Guochen Yang, PhD - <i>absent</i>	

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

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

Opening Statement – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

Recognition of Conference Call – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

- Express the necessity of each speaker identifying himself each time he speaks on the call.
- What to Expect - conditions on the call for Commissioners and Listening guests.

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

- **Dr. Melton** calls if Phil Wilson is present that he could offer an update. **Dr. Stewart** offers an estimate of the licensed growers, acreage, and greenhouse spaces by his memory. Lori contributes the data: planting locations is 84 & greenhouse square footage is 83,972.

Approval of Minutes from the May 30, 2017 meeting– *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

- **Melton** calls for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 30th meeting? *McLawhorn makes the motion, Carpenter seconds it. Unanimous vote.*

New Business

- **Melton** - To review and approve research pilot program applications. If anyone sees any reason to pull any portion of these out and vote separately to share in the discussion portion. Dr. Melton reads the names: Philip Hunt Smith, Keith Olan Dunn, Renée Taylor Stewart, Jamie Allen Tod, Jr., Ashley Warren White, Ricky Davis Bell, William Parlmele Bolton, Steve Harvey Mitchell, Alex Currie Averitt, Kirkland Blair Copeland, Sidney Gene Copeland, Johnny Clayton, Alan B Williams, Paul Ransom Harris, Roy Sutton Edmondson, Frances Harris Tacy, Chase Everett James, William Rodney Jackson, Joel Slade Peele, James Harcum Roebuck, Thomas Parks Uzzell, Robert Worsley James, Ryan Glenn Riggan. **Melton** – mentions some of these didn't list an Intended Marketer. Also, sees some processors listed that are not yet listed on our Registered Industrial Hemp Processors list. Reminds the listeners that all processors need to complete the instructions for registration as posted on the website. **Melton** calls for a motion to approve the applications as a group. *Carpenter makes the motion to approve, Stewart seconds the motion.* Discussion? **Stewart** – wants to reiterate the point about the intended markets and buyers, processors. If anyone intends to process industrial hemp in NC there are rules and registration requirements. **Melton** – distinguishes that usually in an agricultural commodity processing is changing the commodity in any way, even in packaging. Encourages all who may be doing any processing to register. **Carpenter** – asks if the growers can plan to sell to processors out of the state of NC / do those out of state processors need to register? **Melton** - there are no

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requirements for processors who are outside of NC. Roll Call Vote: *Carpenter, McLawhorn, Page, Stewart, and Melton concurs. Unanimous Vote.*

- **Melton** – interviews so far regarding the Program Manager: three applicants, pleased some have been listening to these meetings, search committee will be meeting again soon. Hopes to set up face to face meetings for these candidates.
- **Stewart** – the IHC needs to move forward in the permanent rule making business. We will be setting up a physical meeting together; in the last week of July. Encourages the commissioners to contemplate the rules thus far to aid any revision of those rules when we meet. The IHC will continue to meet for application approval meetings in this forum, but that communication will follow soon to establish that face to face meeting.
- **Melton** – perhaps in the July meeting we will have more information for the Program Manager.
- **Stewart** – takes the opportunity to acknowledge the many individual staff members at the Department of Agriculture, including the Plant Industry Division, and Upper Coastal Research Station for all the extra effort made to keep this research program moving forward.

Adjourn

- *McLawhorn makes the motion to adjourn, Carpenter seconds it. Unanimous vote.*

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