



or discussion, none. Call for a motion: *Rascoe motions to approve the first group as named. Short seconds the motion. Unanimous vote.* (minus Guy Carpenter who had not arrived yet).

**Melton** - now Christopher Benton McLeod – any questions or discussion, none. *Call for a vote – Unanimous vote* (minus Guy Carpenter who had not arrived yet and Dr. Stewart who has abstained).

5. **Melton** – Group 2, Lori reads the names of the applications: John Alex Small, Chase Francis Werner, Tony Delbert Francis, Thomas Smither Long, Phillip Ryan Patterson, Timothy Scott Whitehead. **Melton** – restates why this group has been separated because the US seed source and that the current DEA policy is that the seed cannot be moved across state lines is in violation of the DEA’s interpretation of the law. IHC needs to determine if we want to issue a license to someone who has indicated that they want to bring the seed across the state lines knowing that the DEA has this interpretation. The possibilities are we could vote to deny them based on this seed source choice. Or, we could vote to approve them with the understanding that they could chose the select seed from other sources. The licensee could modify their seed source as our rules allow a notification process if they chose. We could request some direction from the counsel on drafting a statement that would go out with the notification of approval that explains that this license does not provide them an opportunity to go around the law or the DEAs interpretation of the law.
6. **Rascoe** – States he likes that idea. We are okaying what is in our jurisdiction to okay. **Short** – has a problem with that, thinks he objects to action that condones the DEA’s interpretation of the law and thinks we should say so. We are handling hemp and not marijuana and they are interpreting it wrong. Discussion continues that they agree with the poor interpretation and that the licensee could be informed. **Melton** – wants to prevent a miscommunication of permission. **McLawhorn** – can we make a sort of contingency of approval for the DEAs decision, can that even be managed? **Melton** – comes back to desire to do IHC’s job with what we are to do without misleading anybody. A lot of us may feel it is the misinterpretation but we cannot fix that with this set of applications. **Rascoe** – full disclosure on our end and proceed at their own risk. It isn’t our job to enforce it. **Melton** – we tell them they can potentially look for other options if we approve their application, but if we deny the applications then what do they do, start another application? **Yang** – question about one application #38 he has four varieties, two from Canada. If he separated perhaps he could get his seed but not from Colorado. **Melton** – agrees if we make sure the licensee understands the current interpretation of the law he could do that. As it stands there could be a misconception that they area proved or condoned to be able to bring seeds across the state lines. **Rascoe**- when the approved licensee gets their letter and bill due can we have a disclaimer in that? (Guy Carpenter arrives) **Godwin** – what is the liability in the IHC moving forward with this. **Brown** – if the commission wants to go into executive session we could discuss that. **Melton** – if any of us are hard pressed to vote on that then perhaps we should entertain a motion to go into executive session regarding this point. *Godwin makes the motion and Short seconds it. Unanimous vote.* **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.

7. The crowd came back in after the session was concluded. The meeting resumes with Melton makes a call for a motion for session to go back into public session. *Short makes the motion. Carpenter seconds, Unanimous vote.*

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8. **Melton** – Makes a call for a motion on the second group of applications. *McLawhorn moves that we table the second group of applications until further response from legal counsel to move expediently preferably that would be next meeting next week. Page seconds the motion. Vote: In favor – Godwin, Stewart, Page, Yang, McLawhorn Opposed – Carpenter, Short, Rascoe. Motion is approved.*
  9. *Rascoe makes a motion that Dr. Stewart write a letter to the DEA for clarification on issues, particularly the interstate transport the IH. Godwin seconds it. Unanimous vote.*
  10. **Melton** – calls Bob Crumley to speak about the letter he sent to the IHC. **Crumley** – explains that he believes the DEA has attempted to freeze the efforts of IH. He received a letter to warn him of potential legal activity. His company is filing a law suit. We need this commission to join us in this lawsuit. Our suit has reputable attorneys, and the backing of this industry. The likelihood of his winning against the DEA is less without the IHC joining us. There will be no clones brought into NC this year if we cannot get this moved along, timing is important. It's important to fight against the DEA that would say we can purchase from suppliers outside of the US and not within. **Melton** – help us define clones. **Crumley** – To grow high quality medicinal plants, you use only female plants. The industry has gone to cloning. He explains in detail how this is cut, rooted and planted. The only cloning is taking place in the states. He continues to explain the relationships with other states on how to process the seeds and harvests. **Melton** – works to clarify that the reason the states within the states is a real critical issue is because of the CBD oil aspect and the high need for cloning. **Crumley** – correct. **Melton** – then the other end the proper handling of the processing or sub processing and how it cannot all be done in NC. **Crumley** – if everyone creates all the steps in the infrastructure everyone would go broke. If we all work together between the different states, we can help each other with the harvests. **Page** – asks if Crumley has tried to contact the department of justice. Crumley lists many other agencies but not the current Attorney General. **Short** – what would you like from the IHC? **Crumley** – join us as we proceed in this lawsuit. Not asking for money just to join us in the lawsuit. Order the DEA to remove marijuana from application process and create a box that says industrial hemp. For example, Canada created a category called controlled substance or regulated product section on their forms. **Melton** – thank you, very helpful. **Rascoe** – can parties jump on the lawsuit later? **Crumley** – if the IHC doesn't join the court will likely bounce us out because of a standing issue. He expounds in more detail. *Rascoe makes a motion that the IHC openly supports Founder's Hemp the legal action with the DEA. Sort seconds. In favor – Rascoe, Short, Stewart, Yang, McLawhorn, Carpenter. Opposed – Godwin, Page. Motion is approved. Rascoe makes a motion to request the Attorney General to participate. Short seconds. Melton* – do you want to withdraw this motion so the IHC can go into executive session? Yes.
  11. **Melton** – before we consider that suggests addressing following issues on the agenda in case anyone in the public wants to leave while we are in executive session. Everyone agrees.
  12. **Melton** – discussion of the program manager. Has a number of applicants that he can set up interviews. There were 32 applications, and 5 people will be interviewed.
  13. **Melton** – the permanent rule making process. Although there isn't enough time to address that at this meeting. There is a time limit to begin those. Some of the IHC may have perspective of wanting to change or keep certain rules from the temporary rules. Now would be a good time to begin considering that so we can undertake that soon.
- Other Business – none. **Melton** – this seems to be it, before we accept motion to go into executive session? *Godwin makes the motion, Page seconds. Unanimous vote.*

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