North Carolina Industrial Hemp Commission

MINUTES
April 11, 2018 9:00 AM
Martin Building, State Fair Grounds, Raleigh

Commission attendees	Other official attendees
Guy Carpenter	
Chief Tony Godwin	Phil Wilson, Plant Industry Division
Billy McLawhorn	Anne Brown, NCDOJ
Tom Melton, PhD	Jon Lanier, NCDA&CS
Fen Rascoe	Emily Febles, Program Manager
Pat Short	Chrissy Wagget
Alexander Stewart, PhD	
Sheriff Sam Page	

Call to Order – *Dr. Alexander Stewart, Vice-Chair* Quorum established with 7 Commissioners present.

Statement Concerning Conflicts of Interest – *Dr. Alexander Stewart, Vice-Chair*
Vice-Chairman **Stewart** read the statement concerning conflicts of interest and asked members to identify any potential conflicts of interest. Commissioner Fen Rascoe declared a conflict of interest for the application submitted by Braxton Rascoe and stated that he would abstain from any discussion of this application and from voting on the application. Commissioner Billy McLawhorn declared a conflict of interest for the application submitted by Robert Worsley James and stated that he would abstain from any discussion of this application and from voting on the application.

Approval of Minutes-January 25, 2018 and March 5, 2018 meetings– *Dr. Alexander Stewart, Vice-Chair*
Vice-Chairman **Stewart** – Minutes were not sent out to the members prior the meeting. The Chairman had a copy of the minutes and stated that the minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting would be approved at the next meeting.

Program Update – *Dr. Alexander Stewart, Vice-Chair*
Vice-Chairman **Stewart** called on Phil Wilson to provide a program update.

- **Wilson –** Reported that as of 4/10/2018 there are 192 licensed growers, 3022.98 licensed acres and 476,358 square feet of licensed greenhouse production.

Vice-Chairman **Stewart** called on Chrissy **Wagget** to provide an update on the permanent rule making process.

- **Wagget** went step by step through the flow chart provided by the Office of Administrative Hearings to guide agencies in the adoption of permanent rules. Commissioner **Rascoe** asked if there was a deadline for the adoption of the permanent rules. **Wagget** replied that there was a set deadline based on the statute establishing the Commission contains language that the Commission's temporary rules would remain in effect until the Commission adopted permanent rules.

Roll Call of Attendees– *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*

Chairman **Melton** upon his arrival initiated a roll call to determine attendance of Commissioners present. Eight Commissioners as listed above were in attendance.

Opening Statement – *Dr. Tom Melton, Chair*
Chairman **Melton** stated that the primary purposes of the meeting are to approve applications and initiate the review of the draft permanent rules.

New Business

- To review and approve research pilot program applications. **Melton –** Acknowledged the stated potential conflict of interest of Commissioner Fen Rascoe, related to applicant Braxton Rascoe and Commissioner McLawhorn's conflict with the application of Robert James. Chairman **Melton** informed the Commissioners that there was one Research Only application up for approval and that there was one application in the list that planned to plant 600 acres. Chairman **Melton** also stated that there were 66 applications to be considered.
- Chairman **Melton** read the names of applications under consideration: Lyndon John Smith; David Michael Hight; Harold Earl Brooks, Jr.; David Amos Jones, Jr.; Gary Alton Fuller; Harvey Zemp Edge; Jennifer E. Warren-Smith; Nicole Renee Owens; Hunter Holloway Latham; Robert Edward Turner, Jr.; Mary Crowe Hall; Bobby J Roberts, Jr; Aaron Blake Brown; Johnson Ryan Sholar; Thomas Alfred Griffin; Worley Moore Warren; Braxton Bragg Dawson Rascoe; Robert Clifton Wilson; Richard Blake Whitaker; David Lee Smith; Eric Michael Briley; Terry Edward Mills; Jeremiah Jefferies; Lorri Anne Bura; Christopher James Flippo; Fria May Edge; Charlie Leslie Manning; Randall Ralph Burleson; Kevin Ryan Mitchell; Rory Allen Wood, Jr.; Steve Harvey Mitchell; Preston Adam Cave; Faizal Iqbaal; David Harold Corn; Richard Blank Brownfield; Benjamin Derrick Hobson; Joseph Shane Varnell; David Earl Whitfield; David Garrett Boney; Gary Calvin Whitfield; Darrell Jerome Isley; Dennis Ray Wood; Moses Matthews; Clifford Bennett Lilley Jr.; Mark Shore Smitherman; Carol A. Houlihan; Gere V Boggs, Jr.; Carol Brittain Flowers; Daniel Everett Jams; Thomas Eric Oravec; Daniel Joel Byerly; Donovan Sager West; Aaron Wallace Dison; Keith Olan Dunn; Brian Earl Whipker; Cameron Cane; Beth Fisher Taylor; Arthur B. Atkins; Albert Jonathan Searles; Ronnie William Moore; Troylyn Wigginton Ball; Alexander Joseph Buigas; Jerry Fuquay Richmond; Robert Worsley James; Justin Harrison Lee; Richard Brian Bullman.

- Chairman **Melton** stated he would break the applications into three groups to accommodate the conflicts of interest identified by Commissioners Rascoe and McLawhorn. Chairman **Melton** stated he would entertain a motion to either approve or deny the three groups of applications. Commissioner **Carpenter** made a motion to approve the applications. Commissioner **Short** seconded the motion to approve. Chairman **Melton** called for discussion. Chairman Melton then implemented a voice vote on the motion to approve. **Motion passed**. Chairman Melton then implemented individual voice votes on the three groups of applications. All three groups of applications were approved by voice vote.

- Commissioners then participated in a review of the draft permanent rules. Commissioner **Rascoe** reminded the Commission that there was no deadline for adoption of permanent rules and that the pilot program had not completed a full growing season and that the Commission should not rush into adoption of permanent rules. There was significant discussion of the draft rules and Commission staff member Emily Febles captured the adopted changes to the rules.

- Chairman **Melton –** inquires if anyone has any new additional business. No additional new business was identified.

Adjourn: Commissioner **Rascoe** offered motion to adjourn. Commissioner **Carpenter** seconded.