



Chairman **Melton** initiated a roll call to determine if a quorum of Commissioners were present. Nine Commissioners as listed above were in attendance meeting the requirement of a quorum.

Program Update – Dr. Tom Melton, Chair

Chairman **Melton** called on Phil Wilson to provide a program update.

- **Wilson** – Reported that as of today (6/26/18), there are 348 licensed growers, 4548 licensed acres and 1,630,485(?) square feet of licensed greenhouse production.

Approval of Minutes from the June 7, 2018 meeting– Dr. Tom Melton, Chair

Chairman **Melton** called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7 2018 meeting. Motion to approve Commissioner **Short**, and Seconded by Commissioner Page. Motion passed on a voice vote.

New Business

- To review and approve 15 research pilot program applications. **Melton** -
- Chairman **Melton** read the names of applications under consideration: Edgar Baker; Bradley Todd; Brittany Howard; Phillip Sechrest; William Fonteno; Terrell Boone; Dennis Terry; William Bolton; Judy Call; Ryan Riggan; Ricky Bell; Fred Chatham; Tina Watson
- Chairman **Melton** stated he would entertain a motion to either approve or deny the applications listed above. Commissioner **Short** made a motion to approve the applications. Commissioner **Rascoe** seconded the motion to approve. Chairman **Melton** called for discussion.
- Vice -Chairman **Stewart** – Noted that all 17 of the applications were to grow industrial hemp for floral material to produce CBD. The Industrial Hemp Commission’s role is to regulate the program from the cultivation all the way through the first sale. This commission operates under the Farm Bill. The IHC can’t regulate CBD in the marketplace because that falls under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. North Carolina law mirrors the FDA regulation. NC law mirrors federal law when it comes to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The FDA approved epidiolex recently which is a CBD oral solution for seizure sufferers. Again growing hemp is a legal gray area and it’s not the commission’s responsibility to provide legal advice. There is uncertainty legally when it comes to marketing CBD. However, the law can change. It’s vital to do your research before participating and seeking legal counsel when needed.
- Commissioner **Short** motioned to approve the applications and Commissioner **Rascoe** seconded it. The applications were approved.
- To review and approve Application No. 498 Donnie Murray Jr. Commissioner Godwin moved to approve and Commissioner Carpenter seconded. All voted to approve. Commissioner **McLawhorn** abstained.

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- To review and approve Application No. 416 John Sieglinger. Commissioner **Carpenter** motioned to approve. Commissioner **Godwin** seconded the motion. The motion passed to approve. Commissioner **Rascoe** abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.
- Chairman Melton stated many people who make claims about the program only see dollar signs. There is a lot of uncertainty in the program and the only certainty about the pilot program is things can change.
- Emily Febles announced that there will be 2 trainings available for law enforcement officials June 28<sup>th</sup> in Salisbury and July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Waynesville. The trainings consist of guidance for law enforcement agents on the pilot program. Chairman Melton thanked the organizers for hosting the event and to others for participating. Commissioner Stewart expressed his gratitude to Sheriff Page for his wisdom, expertise and service to the commission.
- Adjourn: Commissioner **Shore** made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner **McLawhorn**.

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