

Chairman **Melton** called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20 2018 meeting. Motion to approve Commissioner **Carpenter**, and Seconded by Commissioner **Manning**. Motion passed on a voice vote.

New Business

- To review and approve research pilot program applications. **Melton** –
- Chairman **Melton** read the names of applications under consideration: Aaron Sink, Joseph Harper, William Spainhour, Pauline Ledford, David Ramsey, Jesse Ross, Audrey Tyson, Joshua Creech, Matthew Green, Hieu Nguyen, David Eugene Rogister, David Bryant Rogister, Bruce Farmer jr, Shawn Smith, William Schouten, Peter Brezny, Benjamin Lynch, Carl Cahoon, Keith Caldwell, Patricia Roberts, Wade Hampton Howle II, Sean Spiegelman, Jason Pope, Steven Yuzzi, Jetty Dooley, Clifford Lilley Sr, Aaron Arrowood, Eric Michael Briley, Robb Thorstenson, Jeffrey Flynn, Keenan Shepard, Michael Gaster, Christopher Gaster, Frank Taylor, James Rosser, Jennings Smith, William Fox,
- Chairman **Melton** stated he would entertain a motion to either approve or deny the applications listed above. Commissioner **Carpenter** made a motion to approve the applications. Commissioner **Short** seconded the motion to approve. Chairman **Melton** called for discussion. Did roll call vote. All approved.

- Vice -Chairman **Stewart** –The Industrial Hemp Commission’s role is to regulate the program from the cultivation and growing. Our authority stops with the product from the floral part with contains the CBD. The end product is gray legally in the eyes of the Food and Drug Administration. 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. There are conflicting laws and little clarity when it comes to the end product in the marketplace and people need to be aware of that.
- Chairman **Melton** – Based on statutes, CBD is not necessarily legal. Contrary to rumors, Hemp/CBD is not a schedule 5 drug. It’s still a schedule 1 drug.
- **Kara Malone**, Administrative Specialist, provided an update on Processor Letters of Acknowledgement. Processors who register with the Industrial Hemp Commission with a standard letter stating their intentions to process hemp will receive a Letter of Acknowledgement stating they are now recognized as a registered hemp processor. If you have not received a Letter of Acknowledgement after submitting a processor letter, please contact Kara Malone. Also, if individuals are no longer in business or changed their address, they are asked to contact Kara Malone.
- Commissioner **Melton** – There will be a survey sent to all licensees. Licensees will be required to complete the survey. If it’s not completed, it’s very possible the license will be revoked.

The Commissioners plan to have a face-to-face meeting in the near future.

No other business was discussed.

- Adjourn: Commissioner **Rascoe** made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner **Godwin**.

Industrial Hemp Commission

Dr. Tom Melton, Chair
Guy Carpenter Chief Tony Godwin Billy McLawhorn
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