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**Arizona Department of Agriculture
Industrial Hemp Advisory Council
August 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Unapproved**

Call to Order.

Dwayne Alford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04PM

Roll Call.

Brian McGrew call roll of members. Member attendance: Dwayne Alford, present telephonically; Paco Ollerton. present telephonically; Miguel Crisantes, present telephonically; Sully Sullivan, present telephonically; Rachael Sedgwick, absent. A quorum was indicated to the Chair.

Approval of June 17, 2020 Minutes.

Mr. Alford called for questions or discussion of the June 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. McGrew indicated that a correction had been brought forward regarding the order of the names for the persons speaking during the call to the public and that they were flipped. The correction had been made for the final minutes. With no additional questions or comments, Mr. Ollerton motioned to approve the minutes with corrections noted. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. All members present voted to approve the minutes with corrections.

CY21 Industrial Hemp Program Fees.

Mr. Alford turned the floor over to Mr. McGrew to provide a report and draft changes to the Industrial Hemp Program Fees for calendar year 2021. Mr. McGrew explained the process of how the proposed fee changes were determined. With no additional discussion or comments from the Council, Mr. Sullivan motioned to approve the proposed language changes to R3-4-1005 and the changes to the fee schedule in Table 1. Mr. Crisantes seconded the motion. Voting of members as follows: Ms. Sedgwick, not present; Mr. Crisantes, yes; Mr. Ollerton, yes; Mr. Sullivan, yes; Mr. Alford, yes. Motion passed by majority.

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

Mr. Alford turned the floor over to Mr. McGrew to provide an update on the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening. Mr. McGrew explained that a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening had been filed with the Secretary of State's Office on August 5, 2020 after receiving an exception from the Governor's Office on August 4, 2020 for the rulemaking moratorium under criteria (1)(b) and (f) in Executive Order 2020-02. Mr. McGrew indicated that once the consultation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) had been completed to ensure compliance with Federal requirements for hemp production and USDA approval of a State Plan under the 2018 Farm Bill, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking would be filed and formal written comments would be accepted. After some discussion with the Council, Mr. Alford moved to the next agenda item.

Call to the Public.

Mr. Alford indicated that the Council had received two speaker cards to speak during the call to the public. Mr. Alford called on Alan Boyce. Mr. Boyce had brought up concerns and requested a response on a couple topics. One, he has concerns about the length of time it takes to turn-around sample results. From his comments, the length of time from the time a sample collection is requested, to the time results are sent out is longer than other states and the Department needs to do something to reduce this timeframe. Secondly, Mr. Boyce also requested information on the status of the certification of third party labs, to help with his first comment. Mr. McGrew offered to bring these questions to the Leadership of the Department to respond to. Mr. Alford called on Robert Masson from the UofA out of Yuma. Mr. Masson asked if there were any research funds or grants for hemp fiber and grain and if there was any information on the demand for these commodities. Mr. McGrew indicated that he was unsure of the current demand for these commodities. Mr. McGrew indicated he would respond back to Mr. Masson with information on Federal grant programs for hemp production. Mr. McGrew also indicated that these Federal grants were typically only available if the State has a USDA Approved State plan for hemp production.

Executive Session.

It was indicate that there was no need for an executive session.

Next Meeting.

To be determined, sometime after a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is filed with the Secretary of State's Office.