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Industrial Hemp Program Rules Committee Meeting Minutes 8-3-18

1. Call to Order - Mark Killian, Director
Meeting called to order at 12:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call - Brian McGrew
All Committee Members present: Dwayne Alford, Paco Ollerton, JL Echeverria, Sean Dugan, Colleen Keahey Lanier, and Michael Stoltz. Alex Holley arrived after Roll Call.
3. Introductions.
Mark Killian provided a brief welcome to the audience. All Committee Members and Department staff (Mark Killian, Director; Jeff Grant, Deputy Director; Chris McCormack, Assistant Attorney General; and Brian McGrew) provided a brief introduction.
4. Committee Charter - Brian McGrew gave a summary on the duties, responsibilities and term of Committee members as indicated in the Committee Charter. Mr. Killian asked Mr. McGrew to provide the Committee members with questions and responses regarding the Industrial Hemp Program that are received by the Department. These could be useful for establishing discussion topics on relevant issues. Mark Killian also reiterated that the program does not go into effect until August 2019.
5. Chairperson and Co-Chairperson Selection - Mr. Killian asked for nominations for the Committee Chairperson position. Paco Ollerton nominated Dwayne Alford; Michael Stoltz seconded the nomination; No additional nominations were provided. All Committee members voted in favor of the nomination. Mr. Killian turned the floor over to Dwayne Alford, Chair. Mr. Alford asked for a nomination for Co-chair. Mr. Stoltz nominated Mr. Ollerton; Sean Dugan seconded the nomination. No additional nominations were provided. Six Committee members voted in favor of the nomination, Mr. Ollerton voted against. Mr. Ollerton was selected by majority vote. Mr. Killian recommended to the Committee that during the next committee meeting a segment to the agenda be added for Open Meeting Law training. Mr. Killian excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.
6. Call to the Public.
Mr. McGrew provided the rules for the call to the public. Mr. Alford opened the floor for comment.

Steven Christian of Cochise County spoke to one potential problem with Senate Bill 1098. It has been interpreted that the definition of "Hemp Product" would exclude the production of CBD (Non-THC Cannabinoid) products.

Lezli Engelking of SHIFT offered expert advice service to the Committee and spoke to the comment by Mr. Christian on the issue of the "Hemp Product" definition.

Kevin Rogers of the Arizona Cotton Growers Association stated that farmers are very interested in this program and the development process. Mr. Rogers is looking forward to working with the Committee in this process.

Marcia Karasek with KAMBRIO, representing a company that is interested in developing hemp based construction materials, asked if there was anyone present representing the Arizona Commerce Authority or other equivalent organizations as it relates to manufacturing, or if any outreach has been made to these organizations, no response.

Phil Allsopp with KAMBRIO stated that the industrial hemp building and construction materials are used widely elsewhere around the globe. This could mean new jobs and opportunities in the construction lexicon.

Brian McCalley, a current industrial hemp grower in Nevada offered to provide contact information.

Mark Cooper, a land owner and seed breeder in Pinal County, hopes that hemp can be used on the barren lands and that for whatever reason it is grown, it is a positive situation for the State, regardless if there is limiting language in Senate Bill 1098 against CBD's.

A member of the audience mentioned that they have an operation in Southern Arizona looking to put it in production for the primary purposes of producing CBD oil products. The audience member concurs with everyone else, that CBD production dwarfs all other uses of hemp and hopes for a free market environment.

Ms. Karasek made an additional comment, posing the question on how can growers, processors, etc. connect. Ms. Karasek stated that there will need to be an outlet for these connections.

Mr. Cooper asked if there would be any updates on what occurs at these meetings. Mr. McCormack indicated that since the committee is a public body they would have to follow open meeting law and post agendas, minutes, actions, etc. for the public. Any questions that would like to be addressed can be placed on the next meeting agenda. Agendas are required to be posted within 24 hours, with a preference of posting much earlier, and the Committee will set the agenda. Mr. McCormack also provided a few additional open meeting law requirements.

7. Next Meeting.

Mr. Alford called for a motion to set the next meeting date. The motion to select August 31, 2018 was moved, seconded and passed by the Committee.

With no further business, Mr. Alford adjourned the meeting at 12:40 P.M.