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Industrial Hemp Program Rules Committee Meeting Minutes 8-31-18

1. Call to Order - Dwayne Alford, Chairperson
Meeting called to order at 12:05 P.M.
2. Roll Call - Brian McGrew
All Committee Members present: Dwayne Alford, Paco Ollerton, JL Echeverria, Sean Dugan, Alex Holley, and Michael Stoltz. Colleen Keahey Lanier arrived after Roll Call.
3. Approval of August 3, 2018 Minutes.
Mr. Alford called for discussion of the August 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Paco Ollerton made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Sean Dugan seconded and all members voted to approve the minutes as written.
4. Open Meeting Law - Assistant Attorney General, Pamela Linnins provided a presentation on Arizona open meeting law to the Committee.
5. Progress Report - Mr. McGrew provided an update to the Committee and the general public on the progress being made in the development of Administrative rules. Mr. McGrew went on to explain that objectives for rules must be developed and the authority to grant the Department the ability to create rules must be identified. As previously shared with the Committee, an example was provided. Mr. McGrew also noted that the Industrial Hemp statutes (Title 3., Chapter 2., Article 4.1) were now posted on the Arizona Legislatures webpage with the effective date of 8/4/19.
6. Outreach Activity.
Mr. Alford turned the floor over to Mr. McGrew to provide information on the *Red Rock Hempfest* scheduled for September 28-29, 2018 in Sedona, AZ. Mr. McGrew asked Ms. Lanier for information about the organizer of the event. Ms. Lanier stated that the organizer of the event is in the early stages of developing a chapter of the Hemp Industries Association (of which Ms. Lanier is the Executive Director). Mr. Alford asked Ms. Lanier for a description of the event and what is involved. Ms. Lanier indicated that it was an event for business stakeholders and entrepreneurs with product and service interests in the industrial hemp industry. The event includes vendor tents, education segments and presentations. Mr. Holley asked Ms. Lanier if she thought this could be a good event to get input from the community at large. Ms. Lanier agreed that it could. Mr. Alford asked the committee if this was an event we should participate in, with the understanding of the appropriate message and limited number of Committee members attending the event. Mr. Holley stated that it might be beneficial to have a questionnaire available to gauge interest in the Industrial Hemp Program. Mr. McGrew

indicated he would develop the questionnaire for review by the Committee. Ms. Lanier indicated that she would investigate the logistics for the Committee.

7. Response to 8-3-18 Call to the Public.

Mr. McGrew provided an update on an issue brought up during the August 3, 2018 Committee meeting that the definition of "Hemp Products", under A.R.S. § 3-311, could create a burden on the regulated community by limiting what can be produced under the Industrial Hemp Agricultural Pilot Program. Mr. McGrew stated that this issue is being discussed, and the Department is waiting for a response from the Attorney General's Office on an official position. This feedback will dictate how the Department proceeds. However, it was indicated that during a preliminary review of the language of concern, that there is no prohibitions on products outside of the "Hemp Products" definition and that clarification may be possible through the rulemaking process. The Department would provide an update once clarification is provided.

8. Call to the Public.

Mr. Alford opened the floor for public comment.

Mark Gordon Cooper, asked if documents provided by the public during a presentation to the Committee need to be printed in Spanish? Mr. Alford indicated that we would get clarification, but unless otherwise advised, no.

Chris De Latorre asked for the Committee to consider ways for Honorably Discharged Veterans to get involved in this industry as new farmers. Mr. De Latorre said that there are a lot of large farming businesses with backing that will have an opportunity in this program, he would like to see opportunities provided for veterans as well. Since this was not an agenda item, Mr. Alford asked for clarification if this is an item Mr. De Latorre would like to have added as a discussion item on a later agenda. Mr. De Latorre indicated yes, he would.

Luis Gonzales of the Arizona Native Ventures, LLC, asked that the Committee consider including Native American Tribes and entities during the rulemaking process and the Industrial Hemp licensing process. Since there is a lot of Native American interests currently involved in agriculture, and with the abundance of available land there may be some tribes interested in participating in this Program.

Jeff Andrzejewski, an urban farmer of Cochise County, asked for direction from the Committee on where small farming operations should turn to for information and collaboration on starting up an Industrial Hemp operation. Mr. Holley indicated that it may be more appropriate to look to networking opportunities rather than this Committee for those answers.

Joe Carranza, asked how soon can someone get a permit for the Program? Mr. Alford stated that this Committee is tasked to advise the Department on the development of rules and the intent is to have everything in place by August 4, 2019.

Ezehkiel Abrirre, asked if acronyms are used in the rulemaking and application development that there be a definition of those included. Mr. McGrew indicated that there would be in the "Definitions" rule.

9. Next Meeting.

Mr. Alford called for discussion on availability of the Committee for the next meeting. September 21, 2018 at 12:00PM was agreed upon by the Committee.

With no further business Mr. Alford asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ollerton motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Holley. All members indicated in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 P.M.