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Arizona Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp Advisory Council June 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order. Dwayne Alford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM

Roll Call. Brian McGrew called roll of members. Members present: Dwayne Alford, telephonic; Paco Ollerton, telephonic; Miguel Crisantes, telephonic; Sully Sullivan, telephonic; and Racheal Sedgwick, telephonic. It was indicated that all members were present and the Council had a quorum.

Approval of October 21, 2019 Minutes. Mr. Alford called for questions or discussion of the October 21, 2019 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Paco Ollerton motioned to approve the minutes as written, Rachael Sedgwick seconded the motion. All members voted in to approve the motion.

FY21 Industrial Hemp Program Budget Proposal. Mr. Alford turned the floor over to Mr. McGrew to present the industrial Hemp Program Budget Proposal for the 2021 Fiscal Year. Mr. McGrew reviewed the expenditures expected for the 2021 Fiscal Year, and what the expected initial and ending balance in Industrial Hemp Trust fund would be. Mr. McGrew called for questions. Mr. Ollerton questioned whether a sweep of the funds was a possibility. Discussion followed. Mr. Alford asked what the ratio was for the fees that have been received over the past two growing seasons. Mr. McGrew indicated that it was about half for 2019 and half for 2020. With no additional questions or comments, Mr. Ollerton motioned to adopt the budget proposal for the 2021 fiscal year. Sully Sullivan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to approve the motion.

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 Dwayne McGordon. Mr. McGordon asked if the funds in the Industrial Hemp Trust Fund could be used to support start-up companies. Mr. McGrew indicated to Mr. McGordon that according to statute (A.R.S. § 3-315) the funds are exclusively for implementing, continuing and supporting industrial hemp licensing. They are not available to be used for any grants. Mr. Alford called on Alan Boyce. Mr. Boyce asked if field testing turnaround times could be included on a future agenda. Mr. Boyce's request was noted.

Next Meeting. Mr. Alford indicated that the date and time of the next meeting is to be determined.

With no further business and no need for an executive session, Mr. Ollerton called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sedgwick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35AM