Montana Hemp Advisory Committee
Wednesday July 10, 2019 1:00 - 4:00pm
Snowy Mountain Room, Yogo Inn
211 E Main Street, Lewistown MT

The meeting was called by Director Ben Thomas at 1:04pm

**Introductions** – Those in attendance were:

**Hemp Committee Members:**
Kim Phillips, Helena MT
Arlin Fratzke, Stevensville MT
Dean Nelson, Homestead MT
Jackee Beck, Deer Lodge MT
Bart Icopini, Forsyth MT

**Department Members:**
Ben Thomas, Director MT AGR
Andy Gray, MT AGR
Andy Fjeseth, MT AGR

**VIA Skype/Phone Conference:**
Jamie Fitterer, Bozeman MT

**Committee Members Absent:**
Ken Elliott, Wolf Point MT
Jeremy Anderson, Fort Benton MT
Ross Johnson, Great Falls MT
Perry Miller, MSU Bozeman MT

**Public Members:**

**Public Sign in list attached**

**Hemp Processing Proposed Rules:**
Ben Thomas discussed the proposed processing rules.

- **MAR Notice No. 4-19-258**
  - Discussed with the members, no major changes
  - Clarity requested on processing section, under 4.19.101 Definitions, #9

- **Public Comment on rules closes July 19, 2019**
  - Questions, Comments, Concerns can be directed to Cort Jensen, via phone or email

**Hemp Sampling Guidance Documents:**
Andy Gray discussed the procedures for sample collection, sample prep and delivery

- **DRAFT form to be able to train the sample crew**
  - Review of Definitions
  - 2019 Sampling will be completed by the department Feed and Fertilizer crew
  - Estimating around 200-250 samples
  - Current samplers working with hemp sampling on top of their current job
    - Total number of growers- 277 (license holders)
    - About 40k reported acres
Hemp Sampling Guidance Documents: CONT
- License holder letters were sent out for estimated harvest dates
  - 21 days of harvest
  - Turn around time will depend on the lab
  - 48-hour notice suggested
- Sampling protocol discussion. 2019 will be a test run year, hope to have all the information compiled and complete for the 2020 growing year
  - Sampling goal to test every owner’s field, unless the inspector is unable to
  - Split into Pre-Post Harvest samples
    - For the option to do the best we can, to be fair to the grower/producer/state

Pesticides:
Jerin Borrego
- Pesticides, bugs, and residue requirements- handouts to all
  - List of bugs and what to do with them.
  - Herbicide to be approved for hemp- Jerin is happy to reach out to companies for use in Montana
- Review of products that were previously requested
- Jerin has contacted Kentucky University for products and information
  - Depending on product testing, most products are on the horizon of being approved for use
  - Approved products must be labeled for use for Hemp

Check Off Fees:
Ben Thomas discussed having concrete option by the next meeting
- Initial recommendations- percent of the value, first point of sale
- Currently there is a law for commodity assessment in place now, at the first point of sale
  - Changes would need Legislative Action
- Arlin Fratzke suggested starting with 1%
  - 2019 revenue information would have to wait until fall/winter 2019
- Assessment fees for research and marketing
  - Shadow Pulse Crop Committee and Wheat & Barley

Questions/Public Comment:
No public comment

Adjourn:
Ben adjourned the meeting at 4:18pm

Ben Thomas, MT AGR Director

Dani Jones, Hail Insurance Technician

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Date
2/26/2000

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# MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday July 10, 2019

**Yogo Inn (211 E. Main St.)**

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