

Montana Hemp Advisory Committee
Friday April 26, 2019 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Department of Agriculture, Conference Room 225

The meeting was called by Director Ben Thomas at 1:30pm

Introductions – Those in attendance were:

Helena Conference Room:

Ben Thomas, Director MT AGR
Jackee Beck, Committee Member
Arlin Fratzke, Committee Member
Kim Phillips, Committee Member

Cort Jensen, MT AGR Attorney
Zach Coccoli, MT AGR Attorney
Christy Clark, MT AGR
Ian Foley, MT AGR
Andy Gray, MT AGR
Bob Ballensky, MT AGR
Weston Merrill, MT AGR
Dani Jones, MT AGR

VIA Skype/Phone Conference:

Ross Johnson, Committee Member
Jeremy Anderson, Committee Member
Jamie Fitterer, Committee Member
Bart Icopini, Committee Member
Ken Elliott, Committee Member
Dean Nelson, Committee Member

Public Member:

Alex Gray, SD Consultants Missoula MT
Erica Siate', SD Consultants Butte MT

Administrative Rules:

- Cort Jensen reviewed the responses and comments from the public
- Cort Jensen reviewed and explained the Administrative Rules
 - <https://sosmt.gov/arm/register/> Pages 254-263, 2019 Issue No. 5, Published March 15th

Licensing Fees:

Andy Gray discussed the licensing fees and applications, 160 applications and counting

- Ken Elliot asked about a “flex” in the deadline for Hemp Licensing
- Ken Elliott asked about a “letter of support” from the director for banks
 - Ben Thomas provided that the State Laws are very clear, and the department has no control over the bank’s decision
 - Cort Jensen suggested to have the bank call him with any concerns on state laws or any discussion that is needed. Address bank concerns for each bank, no a blank address
- Ken Elliott asked about a letter supporting additional testing and research
 - Director Ben Thomas asked Andy Gray to draft a latter for research, requested by April 30/May 1

Hemp Processor Fees:

Ben Thomas discussed the successful talks with DPHHS to provide clarity- licensing through which agency, etc.

- GOAL- Assessment in 2020
- Ken Elliott asked about the status of the seed imports from Canada, or has any seed arrived
 - Ian Foley answered with; not at this time, waiting on permits to be in "hand"

Ben Thomas thanked the staff for all the hard work and hours that have gone into this process

Questions/Public Comment:

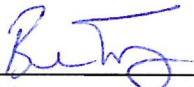
Erica Siate' provide the room with a consulting handout

- Handout has been emailed to committee members, Friday May 3, 2019

No other public comment

Adjourn:

Ben adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm



Ben Thomas, MT AGR Director



Date



Dani Jones, Hall Insurance Technician



Date