

Montana Hemp Advisory Committee
February 11th, 2020
10:30-11:30 AM
Conference Call -Department of Agriculture, Conference Room 225

The meeting was called by Director Ben Thomas at 10:38 am

Introductions – Those in attendance were:

Committee Members via Skype:

Arlin Fratzke, Stevensville MT

Jeremy Anderson, Fort Benton MT

Jamie Fitterer, Bozeman MT

Bart Icopini, Forsyth MT

Ken Elliott, Wolf Point MT

Jackee Beck, Deer Lodge MT

Perry Miller, MSU Bozeman

Dean Nelson, Homestead MT

Kim Phillips, Helena MT -Absent

Ben Thomas, Director MT AGR

Department Staff:

Andy Fjeseth, MT AGR ADD Bureau Chief

Cort Jensen, MT AGR Attorney

Christy Clark, MT AGR

Dani Jones, MT AGR

Chelsi Bay, MT AGR

Virginia Corbett, MT AGR

Public Member:

Kate Cholewa , Public

Chelsi Bay – Screen Share with members on Skype to show the changes that have been made to the post card

Assessment Proposal:

- Post Card- post card should be sent out by the end of then next week (Feb 17-21, 2020)
- Letter- a draft letter was received from Dean Nelson and shared with the committee members
 - Letter and Ballot will follow in about 2 weeks (Feb 24-28, 2020)
- Deadline for ballots- April 15th suggested
- Public Meeting information will go out with the ballot and letter
 - Email Dani Jones with the location and time information for the meetings
 - Andy Fjeseth will put together a page of information

USDA Hemp Plan Update:

Ben shared with the committee that he had a good phone call on the morning of February 10th, 2020 with lots of good questions; sampling and testing protocol. No Questions on mitigation

- Response due back this week (Feb 10-14, 2020)
- USDA can still reject the plan

Advisory Committee Applications:

- Ben plans to keep the committee members on board until the ballots are back
- To reapply contact Dani Jones
 - Application is also on the Hemp Webpage

Discussion/Public Comment:

Kate Cholewa- suggested fast examples for the post card/ballot, compare info with Wheat & Barley, Grains, what the moneys does, etc.

No other public comment

Adjourn:

Ben adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am



Ben Thomas, MT AGR Director



Date



Dani Jones, Hail Insurance Technician



Date