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Lake County Industrial Hemp Ad Hoc meeting
November 15th 2019
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Meeting began at 10am by Bruno Sabatier

Introduction and meeting conduct guidelines presented by Bruno Sabatier

Roll Call of committee members

Lance W Cannabis Grower Representative
Hank Lescher Hemp Grower Representative
Steven Hajik Lake County agriculture Commissioner
Brenna Sullivan Lake County Farm Bureau Executive Director
Michalyn DelValle Director of Lake County Community Development
Bruno Sabatier Lake County supervisor District 2
Rob Brown Lake County supervisor District

Review of Hemp Laws and Regulations

Discussion of SB153 and potential changes to current regulations

Public Comment

Ask for 3 min public comment per person

Prioritization of Discussion Topics

Determined by the board

1. Seed or Pollen issues
2. Enforcement and regulations
3. Land Use Issues

It was stated that this issue needs to be addressed in a practical manner so as not to overregulate or create a precedent that could be used in the future to further restrict or hamper traditional agriculture.

Can Cannabis and Hemp Co-exist in Lake County???

Male Pollen

Same Consensus from audience as the Oct meeting, was that most of the Hemp was not being farmed properly.

Male Plants are being blamed for seeding several cannabis and hemp smoke-able flower operations.

How do you determine blame? So far it is a “He said She said” scenario.

Possible suggestions for addressing the male pollen issue

1. Regulations for rouging out in field males
 - a. How do we ensure quality of male eradication practices? County supervision? Is it too late by the time you notice males?
 - b. Possible Third party supervision? Is that even possible? Who does it? Is there even a company to do it? Reliability? How to pay for it?
2. Is civil litigation an option for potential crop damage due to pollen issues?
 - a. How would you prove who pollenated your crop?
 - b. DNA testing? What labs do it? Is that feasible? What if two people are using seed from the same source?
3. County regulation addressing male plants as an agriculture nuisance.
 - a. What defines a nuisance? How do you enforce it?
4. Jurisdiction for searching or policing individual's private property? VS. People don't have the right to negatively influence someone else on their own property.
5. Feminized Seeds or Clones as a solution.
 - a. The feminized seed is less stable, still buyer beware on success of feminization by individual seed growers.
 - b. Very hard to find quality seed, it can take 7 generations to create a stable cultivar, buyer beware
 - c. How do you regulate good seed vs. poor seed
 - d. Clones Cost prohibitive?
6. The Cannabis Growers would like to see all seed breeding operations confined to indoor operations where pollen drift could be controlled and not be a neighborhood nuisance.
7. Burden of protection should be on the grower without undue regulation limiting the growers from producing to meet market needs for a variety of hemp uses.
 - a. Over regulating males will narrow the market to only a CBD market.
 - b. Time limits or seasons for outdoor males could be an option with auto flowers etc..

Wrap Up Discussion

Meeting Adjourned 12:15p.m.