



## COUNTY OF LAKE

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Lake County Industrial Hemp Ad Hoc meeting  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Prepared by Janice Luke

Meeting began at 2pm 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: absent  
Bruno Sabatier Lake County supervisor District 2  
Rob Brown Lake County supervisor District  
Additional county members:  
Andrew Williams Code Enforcement  
Anita Grant County Counsel

Review of Hemp Laws and Regulations

Discussion of SB153 and potential changes to current regulations  
Dec 30<sup>th</sup> last day for public comment on proposed USDA regulations  
Review of county definition of Cannabis vs. Hemp

Public Comment

Discussion of Agriculture Program Compliance: Steven Hajik

County Registration Requirements

1. Official statement that acknowledges that all lake county officials can come and inspect property registered for Industrial Hemp cultivation at reasonable hours or times without a search warrant
  1. Out of the program if you don't allow for inspection
2. Any violation of county ordinance or code as well as state or federal code may render permit immediately void
  1. Possibly ban location or parcel from being used for industrial hemp or cannabis for a set term
3. Pre application requirement for testing feminized seed quality
  1. What is the allowable standard??
4. If grower has fields that need to be destroyed or pending requirements for registration compliance grower cannot amend permit get additional permits or add new sites, until field is destroyed or pending requirements have been addressed
5. GPS of minimum 4 points of perimeter of proposed growing area with clearly identified markers

6. All individuals associated with a business or LLC etc. must be named on registration, “no silent partners”
  1. Track individuals associated with registration or grow, potentially look at keeping bad actors or bad properties away from all industrial hemp activity
7. Sign off or check off sheet must be completed prior to registration being processed
8. Grading approval or waiver needed
9. Building permits or waiver needed
10. Water board permits for irrigated lands
11. Operator identification number
12. CEQA
13. Workers Compensation Declaration
14. Leasing of property
  1. A notarized lease agreement from owner to allow for use of property, specifically for industrial hemp activity
  2. Must indicate on lease where hemp is to be grown
  3. Must indicate business or trust and actual contact for such
15. Pre-site inspection prior to permit issuance
  1. Verify GPS points
  2. No THC “cannabis sativa” on registered site.
    1. No overlap of legal cannabis or legal hemp in growing areas or facilities
  3. Inspect each site
  4. If changes are made without knowledge considered fraud void permit
  5. Inspection of full parcel rather than just potential hemp site
  6. Falsified records permit denied
  7. Don't accept money until seed cultivars are submitted
  8. Surety bonds/performance bond
    1. \$5000 per site, if more they are responsible to pay the rest, flexible on the amount
16. Authority test all “cannabis plants” on the property at any time during the duration of a valid registration
17. Stolen plants – report within 24hours, require a law enforcement report, and site inspection
18. Growers tell us when plants are removed on a weekly basis, submit destruction reports for rouging males, hot plants thinning etc.
19. Crop destruction – preferred pulled and sent to landfill
  1. Allow someone to disk in plants if small enough, but if developed flowers pulled within 48 hours
20. –Need ordinance to address abandoned or volunteer plants
21. Seasonal inspection requirements
  1. 3hours per for pre-site
  2. In season inspections approx. 50%
  3. Post season inspection 80-100% to ensure harvest has taken place
  4. Don't want to increase fees too much but could of have lost \$\$\$\$\$
  5. Proposed fees schedule based on acreage

## Other issues that need to be addressed

1. The term “Premises” needs to be clearly defined
2. What is an allowable “Threshold” of male plants?
3. People circumventing cannabis restrictions by getting a hemp registration thereby making it easier to get a cannabis permit in the future because land is already developed
4. What is the county and state definition of gross negligence pertaining to industrial hemp
5. Can we ban seed from specific sources from being used?

## Public Comment

- No scientific standard for seed feminization or testing feminization
- New technology to sex seeds??
- Urgency ordinance
  - Leverage self-certification program similar to article 72
  - Basic site standards
  - Background checks
  - Designated responsible party
  - Guaranteed site access
  - Minimum acreage under cultivation
- Window of opportunity to rouge males very short

## Wrap Up Discussion

Meeting Adjourned 4pm