The meeting was called to order and Director Chandler advised that the Commission members needed to elect a temporary chairperson to conduct the meeting until a Chairperson could be elected to fill the vacancy by Dr. Tillman. Commissioner Miller made a motion to have Commissioner Travis Story sit as the temporary chairperson. It was seconded by Commissioner Russell and carried 5-0. Due to the agenda having multiple speakers Commissioner Miller made a motion to limit the speakers to 10 minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Case and passed 5-0. The first agenda was the January minutes. Upon reviewing the minutes Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Commissioner Miller and passed 5-0.

Director Chandler presented the notice items consisting of Permit 35 THF Investors’ name change to Greenlight West Memphis, Permit 123 Good Day Farm’s change of floor plan and Permit 272 Arkansas Patient Services’ name change to Greenlight Monticello. Next considered was the change of ownership applications. The first was for Permit 46 Arkansas Natural Products. Attorney Jimmy Simson presented on their behalf. Commissioner Russell made a motion to approve the change which was seconded by Commissioner Miller and passed 5-0. The second ownership change was for Permit 123 Good Day Farm and presented by Alex Gray. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the new ownership which was seconded by Commissioner Russell and passed 5-0.

The Commission next allowed Mr. Jon Chadwell, Director of the Newport Economic Development Commission to address them regarding his opposition to the previously approved transfer of Permit 123 Good Day Farm. Next Nicole Gillum, counsel for T and C Management LLC, presented a proposal to reserve the expired applications. The Commission requested that she present her proposed rule changes. The Commission next reviewed the first processor application presented by Julie Brents for Shale Extraction, LLC. Commissioner Russell made a motion to accept the application. It was seconded by Commissioner Miller and passed 5-0.

The last agenda item addressed was the renewal applications for 2021-2022. The application was reviewed and Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the form and allow for the background checks to be accepted for a period of three years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Case and passed 5-0.

The next Commission meeting was set for Monday, March 29, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.