

Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission
3 December 2018
Minutes from AMMC Meeting on 28 November 2018

On the 28th day of November 2018, the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission (AMMC) convened at Little Rock, Arkansas. In attendance were the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commissioners: Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson, Dr. Stephen J. Carroll, , Esq., James Miller. Commissioner Dr.J. Carlos Roman, Travis W. Story was not in attendance but called in.

A. Commissioner Tillman called the meeting to order.

B. Minutes

Commissioner Story made a motion to accept the minutes from the 13th November 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

C. Update from ABC Enforcement

Director Boyce Hamlet began explaining the agency has received 15 complaints, he expects more to come.

He has one enforcement agent working full time now investigating. They have sent out five letters so far. Some of the complaints have been subjective, example arguing a Commissioners scoring. Enforcement will be sending out more letters, including issues where it is not something they can investigate. Enforcement expects sending out administrative violation reports within next ten to fourteen days.

Commissioner Tillman asked Director Hamlet to define an administrative violation report.

Director Hamlet explained it is like an Alcohol violation report, where MMC Rules and Regulations have been violated. Commissioner Roman raised concern over the process to go forward and not drag out a lengthy time frame. Director Hamlet explained they are working at a pretty good pace, making sure all paperwork is correct. Commissioner Tillman asked to be made aware of any violations as they come up.

D. Update from the Arkansas Department of Health

Laura Shue, General Counsel for the Department of Health, and Branch Chief Connie Melton here to update the Commission today on our roles and responsibilities. Under Amendment 98, ADH was responsible for promulgating rules on registration, testing, and labeling.

The statistics for Applications for Registry Identification Cards year-to-date

Applications received- 6732

Approved-6457

Denied-0

Incomplete-269

Approved caregiver-64

Gender 51% male; 49% female

Race Caucasian 88%; 8% African-American; 4% other

Top Qualifying Conditions—patients often have more than one condition.

Intractable Pain, unresponsive to medicines, treatment, or surgery for >6 months -31%

Severe Arthritis-16%

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder-10%

Fibromyalgia-9%

Petitions for additional conditions:

Received one for Bi-Polar Disorder-Submitted in Feb, public comment and hearing in April. Denied in May 2018.

Second one received but the application was incomplete.

It is our understanding that MMC wanted to know if ADH had a role in Transportation rules:

ADH has no authority to regulate transportation but will be happy to assist the agencies that do have that responsibility.

Commissioner Roman was concerned about patients getting cards before the product was available.

Branch Chief Connie Melton advised that the cards will not be issued until closer to the time when the usable marijuana is available.

E. Updates from each of the Cultivators

1. Osage Creek

Mr. Matt Trulove, Osage Creek Cultivation LLC., they have completed pre-engineered building. They have started on the interior framing and walls. Once the walls are completed, we will be starting on fertigation, overhead plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems. We are in the dry. Facility should be complete by March 1st. Expecting to request a final inspection March 1st. Expecting a June 1st delivery date. We started moving dirt on July 12th.

2. Bold Team

Mr. Danny Brown, CEO and Mr. Casey Casselberry, attorney. Our license indicated about 5 or 5 ½ months for construction. We were issued a license July 10th and started moving dirt on July 12th. Expect to complete mid to late December. We anticipate requesting a final inspection the week of Christmas. We also put in a time line on page 8 of our application shows a minimum of 104 to 121 days of plant growth. That includes, propagation and veg time, flower time and then cure time. To do the math that puts us at April to have medical marijuana available. We have a hybrid greenhouse and we're located in Cotton Plant Arkansas. Our building is totally erected as far as walls and roof, and the structure any everything. We're hanging HVAC equipment this morning and the plumbing is mostly done and ceiling grids. Just doing some clean up. We have been in touch with several Dispensary applicants. Some have indicated they could be up and running within 60 days. Because they mainly have store fronts, unless they are growing. So if that happens in December, it's currently planned by your meeting hopefully in February or March, some of those will be open. We do have a vault 6.3 to hold the medicine until the Dispensaries are open. Our application called for growing 13 strains. We are making sure that we have strains for every element to cover the Amendment. The building we have now is modular. So, we will be able to add to our grow area very quickly as needed.as needed.

3. Natural State Wellness

Warren Ross, Manager and Paul Noack owner as well as well as our founder of Harvest which will be operating our facility. As far as the update on construction, we have mobilized and commenced on site. We are anticipating to complete construction in Q2. We are going for a phased in approach to meet market demand. So that we are concurrently completing construction we are moving into vegetation. Our cycle is about 110 to 120 days. The propagation areas will be on line. Continuing construction of flowering rooms etc. We just broke ground. 249 days we expect for construction. The green house has been ordered and will have delivery late January. Then we will be working to complete construction. Production of 25 different strains, with 3,000 plants at full capacity. Expect first harvest in July 2019.

4. Natural State Medicinals

Joe Courtright Chairman and CEO Pharmacist of the company presenting. Phasing in approach. Planning 15 strains, as the technology develops they intend to introduce newer strains as needed. Time line is two phased. Product available April 2019.

5. Delta Medical

Don Parker of Delta Medical, CEO Doug Falls and council Eric Gribble presenting.

Request to change of location due to proximity to a AS University, Anderson protest letter. One and a half miles from original site. Same county and same land owner. Construction should take 5 months to completion. Metal building and HVAC equipment have been ordered. 13 to 20 weeks product available once construction is complete. Expect product available July or August of 2019. Starting out with 15 strains. Transfer location application tabled until December meeting, with AG opinion. Motion to table by Chairwoman Tillman, Commissioner Miller second. Vote 4-1, Commissioner Roman – NO.

Brian Bowen PCG Update, next meeting set for 12/19/2018, 4pm.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Tillman adjourned the meeting.