

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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Stanislaus County Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

August 03, 2020 (meeting held via conference call) 8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Carlos Estacio Brandi LoForti Wayne Zipser

Gordon Heinrich Tom Orvis Arby Hoobyar Ed Perry

Board Members Absent:

Roger Duncan Stan Sinclear Jim Mortensen RCD (Vacant)

Ex-Officio Board Members:

Jami Aggers, Environmental Resources – Present

Milton O'Haire, Agricultural Commissioner – Present

Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS – Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 1, 2020 MEETING

The minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting were presented by the Chairman. The members were asked to consider the minutes for approval, and action was taken as follows:

Motion: Gordon Heinrich Second: Arby Hoobyar Vote: Unanimous

V. REVIEW OF PROPOSED HEMP ORDINANCE

Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner Milton O'Haire provided information regarding an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 6.85 "Hemp Cultivation" of the Stanislaus County Code. A draft copy of the new Chapter 6.85 was provided to the members for their review. Some of the noted changes include the requirement for applicants to submit a bond or other form of security, license expiration will be one year from the date of issuance, additional cultivation requirements including required signage, and additional provisions for enforcement and grounds for suspension or revocation. A draft copy of the proposed ordinance can be found as an attachment to the August 3, 2020, Ag Advisory Board meeting at the following link: http://www.stanag.org/ag-advisory-board.shtm.

VI. ROUNDTABLE

Members provided general comments, program updates, and upcoming events and activities in their respective organizations.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The September 7th meeting was canceled due to the Labor Day holiday. The next meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA.

B. Agenda Items:

Public Works presentation regarding orchard setbacks.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orvis adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted.

Susan Azevedo Ag Commissioner's Office Stanislaus County