

**Humboldt County Cannabis Micro-Grant & Loan Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2020**  
**Prosperity Center, 520 E Street, Eureka**

*Project Trellis was established to bolster the cannabis industry, protect future cannabis excise tax revenues by providing services to populations and communities in Humboldt who were adversely affected by the criminalization of cannabis, develop a framework for supportive programs designed to sustain and grow Humboldt's cannabis industry, and to assist cannabis businesses as they work to overcome the financial and logistical challenges of coming into compliance.*

**Attending:** Richard Ames, Thomas Mulder, Dr. Thomas Handwerker, Richard Marks, Sarah Balster, Hannah Joy, Brian St. Clair. **Staff:** Scott Adair, Catherine Carter, Lynette Mullen (Secretary), Amanda Freeman (County Counsel), Sean Quincey (Deputy County Administrative Officer)

**Absent:** Jim Groeling

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (12 p.m.)

1. The committee received a confidential memo from County Counsel regarding the grant application process and discussed procedures regarding applicant privacy.
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  - Thomas Mulder moved to approve the Sept. 4, 2019 meeting minutes. Hannah Joy seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 no (Sarah Balster dissenting).
  - Thomas Mulder moved to approve the Sept. 30, 2019 meeting minutes. Hannah Joy seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 no (Sarah Balster dissenting).
3. Appointment of Committee Secretary
  - To comply with county policy, Thomas Mulder moved that county staff member Catherine Carter be appointed as committee secretary. Rich Ames seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Direction from Appointing Supervisor
  - Sarah Balster noted that Supervisor Steve Madrone had directed her to prioritize and advocate to fund grant applications from already formed road associations.
  - Thomas Mulder requested to record his concern that a supervisor had directed a committee member to prioritize certain projects/applications over others, potentially overriding the established and agreed upon committee evaluation, scoring and ranking process.
5. Application Summary Documents
  - Sarah Balster moved that staff prepare the application Excel summary worksheet, as prepared and modified by staff, for future grant rounds. Richard Ames seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 no (Thomas Mulder dissenting).
  - Sarah Balster moved that staff prepare the application summary sheets as prepared by staff for future grant rounds. Richard Ames seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.**