

**Humboldt County Cannabis Micro-Grant & Loan Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom Web Conferencing**

*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.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Mulder – Miranda, CA, Jim Groeling – Whitethorn, CA, Sarah Balster-McKinleyville, CA, Rich Ames – Eureka, CA, Hannah Joy-Arcata, CA, Brian St. Clair – Garberville, CA, Thomas Handwerker – Eureka, CA, Mario Fernandez – Eureka, CA

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Groeling

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Adair, Catherine Carter, Holly Carter

**1. Opening**

- a. Vice Chair, Thomas Mulder, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Chair, Rich Ames, was unavailable to start the meeting, so Vice Chair, Thomas Mulder, assumed the role of Chair for the entirety of the meeting.
- b. A roll call was conducted, and each member stated their name and where they were located.
- c. There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**2. Approval of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Richard Marks and seconded by Mario Fernandez to approve the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes. Chair called for public comment – none received. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discuss Scoring and Ranking System for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Micro-Grant Round**

Committee members suggested the following for the next scoring round:

- Applications split into categories; cultivators, retail/manufacturing, co-ops, road associations, etc.
- Two rounds of scoring
- Consideration of job retention integrated in the scoring
- Word maximum for a narrative
- Establishing the difference between scoring criteria and requirements for applications (i.e. majority of business is in Humboldt County)

It was determined that an ad hoc committee would be created to assess and adjust the ranking and scoring process. Mario Fernandez, Thomas Mulder, and Hannah Joy volunteered for the ad hoc committee.

It was moved by Sarah Balster and seconded by Richard Marks to create an ad hoc committee, comprised of Mario Fernandez, Hannah Joy, and Thomas Mulder, to review the

ranking and scoring process. Chair called for public comment – none received. Motion carried unanimously

**4. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair for the 2020 – 2021 Year**

Sarah Balster requested creating a rotating schedule for the Trellis Committee officers.

It was moved by Mario Fernandez and seconded by Richard Marks to nominate Thomas Mulder as chair. Chair called for public comment – none received. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mario Fernandez and seconded by Richard Marks to nominate Hannah Joy as vice chair. Chair called for public comment – none received. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Adjourn (2:00 pm)**

It was moved by Richard Marks and seconded by Mario Fernandez to adjourn the meeting. Chair called for public comment – none received. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm