

**Cannabis Advisory Panel: June 7, 2022**

**10:30 a.m. – Via Zoom**

**Cannabis Advisory Panel Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Amanda Metzler, Jessica Clements, Colette Storms, and Sheriff Daniel

**Members Absent:** Darin Fowler, Mark Stevenson, Scott Ceciliani, Andy Smith, Bob Crouse, and Rhea Miller

**Recorder:** Trish Paredes

**Public Members Present:** Karen Turner, Gordon Lyford, Justin, Nancy Lyford, Shaun Hall, Christopher Hall, and Michelle Binker

**Guest Presenters:** Rich Evans, OLCC; Amanda Borup, OLCC; Steven Marks, OLCC; Sunny Summers, ODA; and Michael Odenthal, ODA

**WELCOME**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Metzler called the meeting to order at 10:32 am

**2. Approval of Minutes**

*Chair Metzler made a motion to approve the minutes from the 05/03/22 meeting as submitted. Ms. Clements seconded. Motion passed 4-0, (Chair Metzler, Ms. Clements, Ms. Storms, and Sheriff Daniel).*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. Sheriff Update – Sheriff Daniel**

Sheriff Daniel updated the Panel on the decrease in the amount and size of grows this year compared to last year. The JMET team is still very active and issues roughly one warrant a week but is working with one detective at present, there will be more detectives hired shortly to help with this staffing issue.

**4. Code Enforcement Update – Mark Stevenson**

None heard.

**5. Water Master Update – Scott Ceciliani**

None heard.

**6. Commissioner Update – Commissioner Fowler**

None heard.

**7. Hemp Moratorium and Enforcement for 2022**

Michael Odenthal and Sunny Summers from ODA, spoke about the moratorium process that ODA placed on hemp licenses. Mr. Odenthal reported that Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine were the three counties in Oregon that requested a moratorium on hemp licenses. ODA honored those requests and thus far 28 new applicants have been denied. ODA has put a deadline on applying for hemp licenses of May 31, there has been 400 applicants, and of those 400, 171 have been approved and the remainder are awaiting background checks to go through. By the end of June every license should be issued or rejected providing law enforcement with accurate responses when inquiring about a grow. ODA is still working through checking each registered hemp license in Josephine and Jackson County. Of the grows that were suspected of growing recreational cannabis last year that were investigated, only one has reapplied and that applicant was denied licensing. Chair Metzler inquired about the process of when the grower can place plants in the ground before their background check is finished. There are 18 licensed growers that have been issued hemp licenses in Josephine County, but that number may not be final as they have not approved/rejected every application. Rich Evans and Amanda Borup from OLCC, discussed their collaboration with ODA for the investigations of each hemp licensee and the paperwork and processes that go along with that program. Mr. Evans discussed interagency agreements with other agencies for law enforcement support as there are grows

discovered that need intervention. OLCC is committed to help with the illegal grows in Jackson and Josephine Counties decrease by coordinating with law enforcement and ODA.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)**

**ADJOURN**

Nancy Lyford inquired about a bust out in Cave Junction and asked if OSP is taking over busts for JMET or if they are working in conjunction with one another. Sheriff Daniel said there is a State of Oregon team and the County JMET team, sometimes they work together but most of the times they are doing separate busts.

Christopher Hall discussed his documentation of the marijuana grows in the Illinois Valley this year and the data he is collecting and how it can be used.

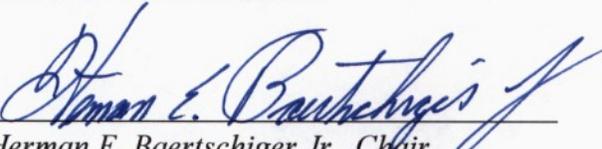
**Next Meeting: August 3, 2022 @ 10:30am Via Zoom**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

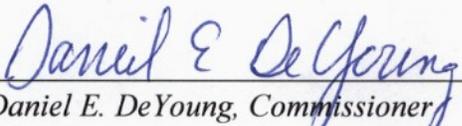
Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Cannabis Advisory Panel meeting.

Reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners this 13th day of September 2022.

**Josephine County  
Board of Commissioners**

  
Herman E. Baertschiger Jr., Chair

  
Darin J. Fowler, Vice-Chair

  
Daniel E. DeYoung, Commissioner