

Montana Organic Commodity Advisory Council Meeting

December 8, 2020

1pm-3pm

Zoom meeting Agenda

Ian, Alicia, Bob B, Brian Goldhahn, Kelly Hill, Layla Dunlap, Lindsey Aull, Margaret Misner, Sean Mulla, Nate Brown, Pat Carr, Sam Schmidt, Taylor Cline, Daryl Lasilla, Georgana Webster, Ed Tyanich, Robyn Cassell

➤ Welcome -Ian Foley

Welcome on behalf of Ben. Preparing for a new director and administration. Increase in Organic spending authority to legislature

COVID challenges, All services have been provided.

Ben represented on Climate Solutions Council. Document published

COVID relief funds. Ag adaptability plans, \$765K

Montana meet processing \$12.4 million

Upcoming legislative session:

1: LC431 expand weed free forage program

2: LC434 Clarify pulse spending ?

LC435 Worker protection plan

LC436

LC437 Revise hemp laws

LC415 regulating meet processors

Pollinator, soil and seed

➤ Introductions-All

Georgana explained the function and makeup of the council.

Introductions by all

➤ Old Minutes Review-et

Minutes read. Motion to approve by Sam Schmidt, Seconded by Par Carr. Minutes approved.

➤ USDA NOP Update & Mid Term Audit-gw

Specifics:

Fraud, Qualifications, Brokers, Importing, Labeling

Mid-Term audit 2.5 days. \$5000 - \$8000

Remote audit likely.

Internal file review, quality check preceding audit

➤ Program Summary-All (document attached)

Late fee discussed

Question on name: MOAC?

Possible for reason % is down.

Lindsey, commented on land prices due to COVID

Sam, said how long term need to go through some tough years

Field Inspections 65% Staff, 34 % Contractor

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Efficiencies, billing, integrity, web site,

Export documents

- Program Status & Updates-gw
Acres in integrity
- Budget Summary-gw
- MOCAC file review
- Open Discussion-All

Motion to adjourn by Pat Carr, second by Nate Powell Palm and approved unanimously.