

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
PUEBLO COUNTY LIQUOR AND MARIJUANA LICENSING BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
6:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS' CHAMBERS AT PUEBLO COUNTY COURTHOUSE
215 WEST 10TH STREET**

The following are summarized statements from the Pueblo County Liquor and Marijuana Licensing Board members and County Staff. Please refer to the Pueblo County Facebook page to watch the full video of the meeting.

I. ATTENDANCE/EXCUSED

Members Present: Brian Casaus, Gina Dutcher, Tom Emerson, Sarah Habib, Henry Reyes, Juanita Rodriguez, Judith Stein

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Carmen Howard, Director of Planning and Development; Kyle Aber, Deputy Director of Liquor and Marijuana Licensing; Sarah Long, Assistant County Attorney via zoom; Peter Blood, Senior Associate County Attorney via zoom; Tawnya Stringer, Licensing Manager; Bonnie Carter, Licensing Coordinator; Hope Martinez, Recording Secretary.

Ms. Dutcher called the Pueblo County Liquor and Marijuana Licensing Board (LMLB) meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for an Executive Session: For a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b). Specifically on the topic of licensing procedures.

Ms. Long requested a motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Habib moved. Mr. Casaus seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session began at 6:01 P.M.

Executive Session ended at 6:18 P.M.

III. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2024

Mr. Casaus motioned to approve the meeting minutes of December 11, 2024, Mr. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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IV. APPROVE AGENDA OF JANUARY 8, 2024

Ms. Habib motioned to approve the agenda of the JANUARY 8, 2024, meeting. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSENT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Gina Dutcher requested the staff memorandums and any applicable Findings and Orders be made part of the record of proceedings.

Mr. Casaus motioned to approve the consent meeting agenda listed below. Ms. Habib seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSES

1. Renewals

- Renewal Application for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License located at 332 South McCulloch Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by Rhodes Group, LLC dba Bella Pasta & Seafood.
- Renewal Application for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor and Cabaret License located at 147 South Tiffany Drive, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by Cat's Pourhouse, Inc. dba Cat's Pourhouse.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Liquor Store located at 74 North McCulloch Boulevard, Suite 150, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by SDDS, LLC dba Warehouse Liquor in Pueblo West.

A. MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES

1. Renewals

- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 6468 Galbreth Road, Pueblo, Colorado 81005 submitted by Ancient Farms, LLC.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 46795 East State Highway 96, Unit 2, Avondale, Colorado 81022 submitted by Baseball 18, LLC dba Los Suenos Farms.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturer located at 922 East Kimble Drive, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by DENCO, LLC.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Store located at 922 East Kimble Drive, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by DENCO, LLC.

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- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 46795 East State Highway 96, Unit 4, Avondale, Colorado 81022 submitted by Emerald Fields, LLC dba Los Suenos Farms.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 125 South Neilson Avenue, Unit 127, Pueblo, Colorado 81001 submitted by Farm Boy, LLC dba Los Suenos Farms.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 6387 Galbreth Road, Pueblo, Colorado 81005 submitted by JDW Farms, LLC.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 46795 East State Highway 96, Avondale Unit 3, Colorado 81022 submitted by Los Suenos, LLC dba Los Suenos Farms.
- Renewal Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 2656 McCormick Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81001 submitted by RSCT Services, LLC.

HEARING OFFICER ORDERS

1. Renewals

- Approval of Findings and Order for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 843 East Chemical Drive, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 for Flying J, Inc. dba Kushmas.
- Approval of Findings and Order for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 7064 State Highway 96 West, Pueblo, Colorado 81005 for Voodoo Natural Stylee Farm, LLC.
- Approval of Findings and Order for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 5715 Red Creek Springs Road East, Pueblo, Colorado 81005 for WOWi, LLC.

VI. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

LIQUOR LICENSES

1. Recommendation to Rescind Prior Motion

- New Application for a Beer and Wine License located at 7077 State Highway 165, Colorado City, Colorado 81019 submitted by Family Dollar Store #28338.

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Mr. Aber. Staff failed to catch the distance requirement. The best course forward is to rescind the approval to allow the applicant to withdraw application.

Ms. Habib motioned to rescind the prior motion approving the New Application for a Beer and Wine License located at 7077 State Highway 165, Colorado City, Colorado 81019 submitted by Family Dollar Store #28338. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- New Application for a Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License located at 230 South Purcell Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by Family Dollar Store #29160.

Mr. Aber. Staff failed to catch the distance requirement. The best course forward is to rescind the approval to allow the applicant to withdraw application.

Mr. Casaus motioned to rescind the prior motion approving the New Application for a Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License located at 230 South Purcell Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by Family Dollar Store #29160. Ms. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES

1. Order

- Licensing Board Order Review for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility located at 8440 West State Highway 96, Suite B, Pueblo, Colorado 81005 submitted by Newco Ventures, LLC.

Mr. Aber States this item was ordered by the Board to have license revoked. That order was stayed until this date so the licensee to establish a plan as to how Mr. Dorsett would not be involved in the operation of the business. The board asked that plan be provided to Enforcement so they could review the plan and report back to the board if they thought it would be sufficient.

Mr. Blood states though the plan was adequate except for the part indicating Mr. Dorsett, as landlord, would have certain defined administrative duties, Mr. Blood reached out with a number of questions which the answers have been provided to the board. Mr. Dorsett is the guarantor of the loan then he should have access to the financial records, but don't think that he has any right to any business records. In addition, they indicate that Mr. Dorsett would have access to limited access areas in terms of biweekly inspections to train staff. The company indicated that they would need 60 days to train the new manager and that has already taken place, any turnover has taken place, and he shouldn't need any

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more training for staff. Need date certain beyond which time Mr. Dorsett would not have any access to limited access areas under any circumstances.

With those two conditions staff recommend approval.

Mrs. Golenda states that the only concern she has is that in the spring the new manager does not have experience in this area.

Mr. Reyes asks if Mr. Dorsett is a certified state trainer in Marijuana Grow Cultivation. Mr. Dorsett states there is none.

Sarah Hibib asks if it is correct that they decided they would conditionally renew the license as long as Mr. Dorsett roll was strictly as a landlord? Mr. Blood says that is correct. Mrs. Habib says she doesn't understand how a lot of these actions fit that landlord roll.

Mr. Reyes makes a comment that Mr. Blood has been trying to work with them and listening to both of them talk its confusing. As a landlord you collect your rent and assure that the property is not destroyed and that's it.

Mrs. Dutcher states that he is able to train offsite and doesn't have to be onsite to do that.

Mr. Reyes motioned to renew the License located at 8440 West State Highway 96, Suite B, Pueblo, Colorado 81005 submitted by Newco Ventures, LLC. with the two conditions as stated, training off site and no access to business records other than financial records Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Stipulation

- Stipulation Agreement for a Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturer located at 36 North Fabrication Drive Unit C Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 for Gas and Grass, LLC dba Rollup.

Ms. Long gives history on Grass and Grass. The order was appealed and when through the district court in August 2023 received an order that remanded it back to the point in time that the Hearing Officer order was originally requested to be reopened. What you have before you today are the stipulated agreement between staff and licensee.

Ms. Habib motioned to reopen the decision to accept the Stipulation Agreement for a Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturer located at 36 North Fabrication Drive Unit C Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 for Gas and Grass, LLC dba Rollup. Mr. Emerson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reyes motioned to approve the Stipulation Agreement for a Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturer located at 36 North Fabrication Drive Unit C Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 for Gas and Grass, LLC dba Rollup. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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I. OTHER

DISCUSSION

1. Discussion

- Discussion and Approval of 2024 LMLB calendar.
The calendar has changed since last approval. Recommends on having Meeting on October 15, 2024 @ 6:00.
- Mr. Reyes motioned to approve the 2024 calendar from previous approval moving the October meeting from October 14 to October 15. Mr. Casaus seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

- Mr. Reyes motioned to adjourn Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further regular business before the LMLB, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M. The next LMLB meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, FEBRUARY 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Chambers at the Pueblo County Courthouse, 215 West 10th Street.

Respectfully submitted,



Department of Planning and Development
Administrative Assistant III Liquor and Marijuana Licensing