

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**

**Commercial Product Delivery Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 16, 2014**

A meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Friday, May 15, 2014 at 9:55 am. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben McLean; roll was called and all members were present. Committee members participating were: Dr. Timothy L. Anglea; Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr.; Dr. Mary L. Duryea (telephone); Mr. David Howard; Mr. Ricke Kress; Mr. Peter McClure; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Andy Rackley; Ms. Shannon Shepp; Mr. Tom Stopyra and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Other participants in the meeting were Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Jim Dukowitz; Ms. Diane Johnson; Mr. Matt Joyner; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Mr. Brandon Page; Mr. Spike Schultheis; Dr. Robert Shatters; Dr. Ed Stover; Mr. Taw Richardson; Mr. Michael Stewart and Dr. Jim Syvertsen. Also participating by telephone were Dr. Lisa Conti and Dr. Tom Turpen.

Mr. McLean moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Howard and passed unanimously.

The meeting was preceded by a closed session to allow committee members to address questions to Mr. Taw Richardson, AgroSource, regarding contractual details of the four projects related to Firewall® and Fireline® labeling and their research to reduce CLAs through application of antimicrobials which are currently being considered for funding. Mr. Richardson was requested to present additional details within the next few days. This will allow Staff to review prior to a proposed meeting of this committee scheduled for Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Dukowitz gave a brief update on progress of current projects. Highlights included the pending confirmation of approval of a Section 18 label for neonicotinoid use 3- to 5-year-old trees and that antimicrobial screening of current/known compounds continues and meetings are being held with outside companies to explore the testing of additional compounds.

Dr. Browning gave a report on the successful Thermal Therapy Field Day held April 30<sup>th</sup> at the USDA-ARS Fort Pierce site. Organized by Mr. Parker Platts and UF, IFAS Extension Agents and sponsored by CRDF, about 175 growers heard presentations and visited the nearby Edsall Groves for demonstrations of the concepts. A full report can be found on the [citrusrdf.org](http://citrusrdf.org) web site. Dr. Browning is working with USDA APHIS on a proposed agency-wide challenge to bring thermal therapy methods to practical use in the groves.

Mr. Spike Schultheis, Challenger Ventures Group LLC, introduced himself to the Committee. He attended the thermal therapy field day and related that he has submitted a Specialty Crop Block Grant

proposal to fund the initial development of requirements for scale-up delivery of thermal therapy to growers.

Dr. Dukowitz summarized the status of current CPD projects. Naturally occurring soil microbial field trials are under way, the tolerant rootstock project continues and field trials of PGR interactions with HLB are progressing.

Dr. Browning discussed proposed changes to the CPD project planning and management that will be initiated for the next fiscal year. The materials included a detailed Work Plan of 16 project areas, including new topics that are being developed in conjunction with the USDA MAC group to deliver solutions to growers. In addition, a number of current research projects may transition to CPD projects. Dr. Browning reviewed the CPD project work plans and responded to questions from the committee, asking the committee to determine which topics they have greatest interest in and if all CPDC topics should move forward. At this time, there were no requests for changes to the projects listed in the Work Plan. However, there was discussion about the potential underestimation of the project management needs for the antimicrobial topic, since there are several elements. Staff will follow up in evaluating this need.

Mr. Kress requested that the Board receive a report on the status of information from Mr. Richardson on the AgroSource proposals prior to the next CPDC meeting. They will be looking for some assurance that, if CRDF funds any of the projects, the Foundation will be a functional partner in the research sharing information learned from the current projects. Mr. Richardson stated they want to work together, contacting EPA with a unified voice to avoid mixed messages.

Dr. Browning reviewed the FY 2014-15 budget projections for CPD projects in place at this time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Audrey Nowicki