

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Telephonic Meeting
September 16, 2015

A telephonic meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Bobby Barben. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Bill Barber; Mr. Larry Davis; Mr. Tim Dooley; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Peter McClure; Mr. Joby Sherrod; Mr. Wayne Simmons; Mr. Jim Snively; and Mr. Mike Stewart. Mr. Steve Farr and Mr. Tom Jerkins did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Jude Grosser; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Dr. Tom Turpen; and Dr. Tripti Vashisth. Also present on the call were: Ms. Brandi Goller; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; and Dr. Michael Rogers.

Mr. Snively moved to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barben stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider revisions submitted by Dr. Grosser on project #15-013 as outlined in the materials. There was much discussion of the different parameters, i.e. tree selection, fertilization recommendations, soil Ph, products planned for use and application rates. Mr. McClure made a motion to recommend project #15-013 be funded conditional on Dr. Grosser submitting a budget revision. This revision should add treatment 11 as a double rate of materials, to be approval by Staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. After discussion Mr. McClure amended his motion to add two treatments, 11 and 12, at a rate of 150% and 200% of treatment 10, while trying to keep costs as close to the original as possible. Mr. Davis seconded the amended motion. Questioned about the additional cost, Dr. Vashisth stated additional PCRs and leaf and soil analyses will require additional funding; the revised budget will be submitted for Staff approval. The amendment to the motion passed unanimously. The revised motion then passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning advised the committee that criteria are being considered for project analysis to determine the focus of future research, with the intention to focus on areas of research which show greatest promise to deliver solutions to HLB.

The Knowledge Mapping session scheduled for September 30 and October 1, 2015 will focus on the pipeline for results of conventional breeding and engineering resistance.

Project Manager Report – Dr. Turpen reported he attended a meeting at UC Davis on HLB. Psyllid spread continues in California. Research funded by the Citrus Research Board continues to focus on more sensitive methods for HLB detection. He also reported on Dawson and Keesling projects and psyllid shield.

Other business:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.
Minutes submitted by A. Nowicki