A meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, December 5, 2016. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Ben McLean. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Dr. Tim Anglea; Mr. Larry Black; Ms. Holly Chamberlain; Mr. Joe Davis, Jr. (telephone); Mr. David Howard (telephone); Mr. Ricke Kress; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone); Dr. Patricia Ouimet; Mr. Andy Rackley (telephone); Dr. Brian Scully; Ms. Shannon Shepp; Mr. Tom Stopyra; and Mr. Hugh Thompson (telephone). Dr. Jackie Burns and Mr. Peter McClure did not participate. Other participants were: Mr. Dan Botts; Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Jim Dukowitz; Ms. Sharon Garrett; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Dr. James Syvertsen.

Others attending the meeting included Mr. Mike Aerts, Ms. Brandy Brown, Ms. Joyce Fitzgerald, Ms. Brandi Goller, Mr. Ernie Neff, Mr. Craig Neil and Ms. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and, with no discussion, passed unanimously.

Chairman McLean asked for the Active Projects Updates and Dr. Slinski reported on the Status of Bactericide Grower Trials - Results to Date.

Mr. Dan Botts gave an update on the Bactericide Section 18 and Clothianidin Section 18 renewal.

Dr. Slinski presented an amendment to project #16-019C Pelz-Stelinski “Small plant assay for testing the efficacy of antimicrobial materials against HLB.” requesting $5,931 for additional funding to the existing 36 assays for additional PCR analysis. Dr. Scully moved to recommend the project. Ms. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Slinski updated the committee on the retraction letter from Agrosource, received November 15, 2016 stating they have declined the funding approved for project #16-021C “Commercial Citrus Grower Tank Mix Compatibility Trials with FireWall™ 50 WP and FireLine™ 17 WP.”

Mr. Howard gave an update on integrating thermal with bactericidal therapies. Dr. Slinski spoke about a related field trial that will be discussed further in subsequent meetings.

Dr. Hatcher gave an update on the HLB Resistance/Tolerance project portfolio informing the committee of active projects as a context for consideration of further resource needs in this topical area.

Dr. Slinski presented two revisions to project #16-010C Dewdney “Enhancement of Postbloom fruit drop control measures.” The modeling portion that had been approved earlier for $70,000, did not contain all of the elements and the second year of the project, resulting in presentation of a new total for the revision for $185,098 for two years. Mr. Stopyra moved to recommend the revision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. There was discussion from the committee. The revision passed with Dr. Scully and Ms.
Dr. Slinski then presented the revision requested by Dr. Vashisth for a second field trial site for additional funding of $44,844 for two years. Support for the second field site was withheld in decisions last month as part of a larger proposed revision. Work has already begun on the second site. Dr. Scully moved to recommend the revision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stopyra and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning discussed the Quarterly Project Manager’s Report included in the materials and encouraged committee members to contact project managers with questions or for discussion.

Dr. Browning presented a revision to project #929.2C Rucks Nursery “Field Trial of HLB Tolerant Rootstock”. A closing invoice was submitted which includes a provision for replacement trees of certain genotypes that failed following planting that exceeds the total contract amount by $207.50. The committee was asked to approve funding for the additional amount to reconcile the project. Mr. Kress moved to recommend the additional funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning presented a revision to project #15-030C Rogers “Continuing Field Trial Support for CRDF CPDC” which proposes support for an additional vehicle, reallocating funds from the existing budget for the expense. Mr. Kress moved to recommend the reallocation of funds for the additional vehicle. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ouimet and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning presented a proposal for a CRDF Biotechnology Regulatory Workshop to be held January 24, 2016, following the Board of Directors meeting, where two regulatory consultants would present to RMC, CPDC, Board, and researchers. The committee was asked to consider sponsorship not to exceed $5,000. Mr. Black moved to recommend sponsorship for the workshop. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean and it passed, with Mr. Kress abstaining.

Dr. Browning presented a revision to project #15-035C Rogers “Continuing support of Citrus Health Management Areas (CHMA’s)” to support IFAS Citrus Extension Agents (Zekri, Oswalt, Futch, Kakkar, Popenee, and Hurner) to participate in the IRCHLB in spring of 2017 and logistics support for the Citrus Grower Institute in April 2017, in the amount of $9,954, reallocating funds from the existing budget for the expense. Mr. Kress moved to recommend the reallocation of support to support the IFAS Citrus Extension Agents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Syvertsen discussed and provided materials about the Soil Microbial Field Day taking place in Fort Pierce on December 6, 2016.

Dr. Browning discussed Strategic Planning and proposal that will be presented at the Board of Directors meeting December 6, 2016 from the National Research Council to conduct a one-year portfolio review of all CRDF funded projects.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown