

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

A telephonic meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Chairman David Howard. The roll was called, and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben (telephone), Mr. Tim Dooley (telephone), Mr. Steve Farr (telephone), Mr. David Howard (telephone), Mr. Daniel Scott (telephone), Mr. Wayne Simmons (telephone), Mr. Jim Snively (telephone), Mr. Buddy Strickland (telephone) and Mr. Forest Taylor (telephone). Mr. Joby Sherrod did not participate.

Also participating were: Dr. John Arthington, Mr. Rob Atchley (telephone), Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Ned Hancock (telephone), Dr. Catherine Hatcher, Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone), Dr. Brian Scully (telephone) and Mr. John Updike.

Mr. Barben moved to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr and passed unanimously.

Chairman Howard asked Dr. Arthington to open the meeting with the update on RMC-18 request for proposals. Dr. Arthington reviewed the important upcoming dates for the RMC-18 process.

Dr. Hatcher gave an update on project #16-007 Duan, field evaluation of the selected variants of Ruby Red grapefruit volunteer seedlings for greater HLB resistance/tolerance. The budget revision addresses:

1. Changes in the field trial design to include three CRD small-scale trials and one RCBD large-scale trial. The small-scale trials have been planted while the trees for the large-scale trial were budded in July 2018.
2. The issues with planting errors have been addressed, and the map has been generated
3. Post Doc expertise not required at this stage, but a technician has been assigned, and the budget has been adjusted accordingly.

Dr. Hatcher noted that while errors in the project had been corrected, Dr. Scully's continued advice of field trial evaluation on project 16-007 is essential.

Dr. Hatcher recommended that CRDF continue funding and support of the revised project 16-007 with Dr. Scully as an advisor and field trial expert to Dr. Duan. Mr. Snively made a motion to accept the revised proposal as submitted for continued project support. Mr. Barben seconded the motion. The committee discussed their concerns about the evaluation of the project past March 2020. Dr. Scully stated that after 2020 the maintenance of the trial would be assured. Dr. Scully will seek assistance from Dr. Hatcher to design the large-scale field trial and analysis of data collected from project 16-007. The motion passed, with Mr. Scott abstaining.

Mr. Howard reported that as a HLB-MAC committee member, he had been asked to discuss continued representation of CRDF Staff on the HLB-MAC committee with the Board. Mr. Howard recommended that Dr. Hatcher be designated as the replacement for Dr. Browning. Dr. Hatcher is familiar with MAC operations, and she has participated in previous MAC meetings. Mr. Barben made a motion to recommend the Board appoint Dr. Hatcher as a CRDF representative on the HLB-MAC committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strickland and passed unanimously.

Dr. Hatcher gave a brief update on the project manager report and reported that the active project quarterly reports are under review. The project manager report will be presented with the next CRDF quarterly report.

Dr. Arthington gave a brief update on committee questions about the roles of project managers, Dr. Jim Syvertsen and Dr. Jim Graham. Further details will be discussed at the upcoming CRDF Board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown.