

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 in Ben Hill Griffin Hall at the UF-IFAS, CREC, in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Chairman David Howard. The roll was called, and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben, Mr. Tim Dooley, Mr. Steve Farr, Mr. David Howard, Mr. Daniel Scott, Mr. Joby Sherrod, Mr. Jim Snively, Mr. Buddy Strickland and Mr. Forest Taylor. Mr. Wayne Simmons did not participate.

Also participating were: Dr. John Arthington, Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Rick Dantzler, Dr. Jim Graham, Dr. Jude Grosser, Dr. Catherine Hatcher, Mr. Cody Lastinger, Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone), and Ms. Audrey Nowicki. Others attending the meeting were: Dr. Kim Bowman (telephone), Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone), Mr. John Morgan, and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Snively moved to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr and passed unanimously.

Chairman Howard asked Dr. Catherine Hatcher to open the meeting with a report on the SAB review of current projects.

Dr. Hatcher discussed the SAB review of current projects, stating that the SAB received the most current quarterly reports. The current reporting schedule to CRDF for RMC projects was presented as follows: Each project has quarterly reports, annuals report, a comprehensive final report and an executive summary. The committee discussed the poor quality of information in most quarterly reports. The quarterly reports and the executive summary are available to the public to review, but the annual and comprehensive reports are confidential and only available to staff, committee and board members. Staff asked for a recommendation for improvements to the SAB current portfolio review process and project reports.

Mr. Barben made a motion for discussion to change the project reporting schedule from quarterly to two 6-month reports with more rigorous review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snively, and discussion continued. There was a suggestion that PI's should be requested to give a presentation from their progress reports at committee or board meetings. The PI's should present progress towards objectives, timelines, accomplishments, shortcomings, opportunities going forward and publications. A discussion on the confidential nature of the biannual reports and methods of sharing data from CRDF-funded projects with the industry continued.

Mr. Barben made a motion to recommend the Board require researchers to submit a confidential 6-month report and a confidential annual report each submitted with a generic summary for public availability, as well as an annual in-person presentation on the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snively and

passed unanimously. It was agreed this take effect once the BoD approves the motion at the next board meeting.

Mr. Howard reported that several board members at the August 28 meeting were interested in accessing the SAB rankings and comments before the committee ranking process. Mr. Strickland moved to recommend on future RFP's that all SAB rankings and comments be made available to the committee before RMC meets for their review of invited proposals and make recommendations to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr. After further discussion on the RFP timeline and how far in advance the information needs to be provided to the committee for adequate review, Mr. Strickland's motion was withdrawn. Mr. Snively amended the original motion to recommend future timelines be revised to provide the SAB rankings and comments to the RMC one month in advance of their review of invited proposals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr and passed unanimously.

Dr. Graham gave a brief report on the proposal review and recommendation from the SAB meeting. Mr. Howard went through the scoring process and a lengthy discussion followed on all proposals.

Mr. Strickland made a motion to recommend funding for the following projects:

- #18-004 Bowman
- #18-022 Stover
- #18-013 Jones
- #18-024 Triplett
- #18-018 Pelz-Stelinski
- #18-025 Wang
- #18-019 Rogers
- #18-020 Santra

and to recommend the following projects for funding with contingencies as noted:

- #18-006 Dewdney – to reduce the scope of the project to focus on objectives 1 and 3 and to request a budget reduction.
- #18-011 Gmitter-to revise the project to be more focused, reducing the budget substantially. In addition, please clarify the differences between proposal 18-011 and current NIFA grants. Align the proposal with the RFP priorities, clearly identifying each priority addressed.
- #18-007 Dutt – to fund year 1 of the project at this time. CRDF may consider funding of years 2 and 3 after reviewing results from year 1.
- #18-026 Wang – to seek collaborators to be sure the objectives are completed. Additional questions arose on the Intellectual Property being utilized in this project and ownership of the IP.
- #18-017 Mou – to request a budget reduction, address the necessity for a post-doc in the establishment year of the field trial. In addition, the timeliness of the establishment of this field trial was questioned due to the current unavailability of clean germplasm. In addition, the PI is advised to begin consultation with the EPA and FDA on regulatory requirements for possible deregulation of elite line in the future.
- #18-010 Gmitter – to request a budget reduction, provide an explanation for the excessive cost of sequencing, and why there is not more involvement by JGI.

- #18-016 McNellis – to request a reduction on the project scope and budget which would include funding only Objectives 1 and 6 as proof of concept. CRDF may consider continuation of funding objectives 2 – 5 upon successful completion of objectives 1 and 6.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr and passed unanimously.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to not recommend the following projects for funding:

- #18-012 He
- #18-015 Li
- #18-023 Triplett
- #18-021 Setamou
- #18-009 Gesquiere
- #18-005 Cano
- #18-003 Boltz
- #18-008 Gerasimova
- #18-002 Batuman
- #18-001 Ampatzidis
- #18-027 Zorner

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dooley and passed unanimously.

Mr. Dantzler gave a brief update on the issues of the bactericide data analysis and report. Staff will continue to evaluate how to communicate the results.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown.