

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee Meeting Monday, September 24, 2018

A telephonic meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, September 24, 2018. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm by Chairman Ben McLean. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Larry Black, Dr. Jackie Burns, Ms. Holly Chamberlain, Ms. Kelly Friend, Mr. Ben McLean, Mr. Jerry Newlin, Dr. Pat Ouimet, Dr. Brian Scully, Mr. Tom Stopyra and Mr. John Updike, Jr. Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr., Mr. Tim Eylich, Dr. Alec Hayes, Dr. Greg Hodges, Ms. Shannon Shepp and Mr. Hugh Thompson. did not participate. Other participants were: Dr. Ute Albrecht, Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Peters Chairs, Mr. Rick Dantzler, Mr. Tim Dooley, Dr. Fred Gmitter, Dr. Jim Graham, Mr. Ned Hancock, Dr. Catherine Hatcher, Mr. David Howard, Ms. Audrey Nowicki, Mr. Brandon Page, Mr. Gee Roe, Dr. Sarah Strauss and Dr. Jim Syvertsen.

Dr. Ouimet moved to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chamberlain and, with no discussion, passed unanimously.

Chairman McLean asked Dr. Catherine Hatcher to open the meeting with a discussion on the requested revisions and any comments from the RMC meeting. Dr. Hatcher reported the six CPDC-2018 Full Proposal revisions requested by the committee were received that would be addressed individually. One additional Proposal, #18-055C, for which a revision was requested of the PI and co-PI is expected, due to the passing of Dr. Phil Stansly.

Dr. Hatcher reviewed and opened the discussion of each of the revised proposals that were recommended to the Board for revisions in numerical order.

- #18-029C Albrecht – The contingencies communicated with Dr. Albrecht were to remove objective 2 and the development of the UAV technology and to resubmit a revised proposal with reduced scope and budget. Dr. Scully made a motion to accept revisions and recommend the revised proposal to the Board for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean. There were concerns about the Spanish rootstocks being available for this project. Dr. Hatcher confirmed that there will need to be an agreement between UF/IFAS and Valencia Institute in Spain to make the rootstocks available. Overall, the committee believes Dr. Albrecht addressed the contingencies requested which included a budget reduction of \$17,383. With no further discussion, the motion passed with Dr. Burns and Ms. Friend abstaining.
- #18-039C Grosser – The contingencies communicated with Dr. Grosser were for a substantial budget reduction, as well as revisions necessary to align the proposal with the

RFP priorities, clearly identifying which parts of the priority were being addressed. Also, throughout the duration of the project field trial reporting/information sharing will be required as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding currently being developed between UF/IFAS and CRDF. Mr. McLean made a motion to accept revisions and recommend the revised proposal to the Board for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newlin. The budget was reduced \$83,593. The committee discussed the MOU and collection of data. A 90-day cancellation clause to end the project for cause if the parties are not satisfied has been signed by CRDF, the researchers, and UF. Setting priorities and establishing what is the most important data for each project should be addressed with the PI. The motion passed with Mr. Updike opposing and Dr. Burns and Ms. Friend abstaining.

- #18-042C Kadyampakeni – The contingencies communicated with Dr. Kadyampakeni were to remove the sensory component of this project and provide an amended budget. Dr. Kadyampakeni provided revisions to the project and an overall reduction of \$73,527 of the budget. Mr. McLean stated he was satisfied with the revisions and budget reduction that was submitted. Mr. McLean made a motion to accept revisions and recommend the revised proposal to the Board for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ouimet. There was discussion of the project being heavy with researchers and the budget being largely on researcher’s salary, materials and supplies. The motion passed, with Mr. Black, Mr. Stopyra and Mr. Updike opposing. Dr. Burns and Ms. Friend abstained.
- #18-050C Neidtz – The contingency communicated with Dr. Neidtz was to fund this project contingent on the removal of the subcontract funding for IRCL. Dr. Neidtz submitted a budget reduction in the amount of \$6,240 and the funding for IRCL has been addressed. Mr. McLean made a motion to accept the revisions and recommend the revised proposal to the Board for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ouimet and passed with Mr. Stopyra and Mr. Updike opposing. Dr. Burns and Ms. Friend abstained.
- #18-056C Stelinski – The contingencies communicated with Dr. Stelinski were to revise the proposal narrative and budget, and to focus on objectives 2b, 3 and 4. Staff reviewed the revisions submitted from Dr. Stelinski: the budget was reduced by \$77,620, the revised proposal covers only the requested objectives, and the narrative is clear. Mr. McLean made a motion to accept the revisions and recommend the revised proposal to the Board for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully and passed with Dr. Burns and Ms. Friend abstaining.
- #18-059C Strauss – The contingency communicated with Dr. Strauss was to revise the project to reduce the budget significantly. Dr. Strauss’s revisions reflected a total budget reduction of \$81,909 for 3 years. There were no changes in the narrative, only personnel

changes and reduction to overall budget. Mr. McLean made a motion to accept the revisions and recommend the revised proposal to the Board for funding approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully and passed with Mr. Black and Mr. Updike opposing. Dr. Burns and Ms. Friend abstained.

Mr. Peter Chairs, with New Varieties Development, asked about the Brian Fischer MGS Scientific project. It was understood by Mr. Chairs that the committee and staff were going to go back to Mr. Fischer and ask for a budget clarification and additional items. Mr. Chairs asked if the committee or staff had indeed reached out to Mr. Fischer and what the outcome of that was. Dr. Hatcher responded to Mr. Chairs, informing him that the request from the committee was to wait for the completion of the white paper and following committee review of said white paper, they would give further consideration of the project at that time. CRDF has not received the white paper, so CRDF has not yet contacted Mr. Fischer.

Dr. Hatcher reported on the request from Dr. Morgan regarding changes to two projects, #18-052C Qureshi and #18-055C Stansly due to his passing. The change requests were to replace Dr. Stansly as PI with Dr. Qureshi on #18-055C and to remove Dr. Stansly as a Co-PI on the Dr. Qureshi's project 18-052C.

Mr. Stopyra opened discussion on project #18-037C Ferrarezi, Millennium Block, reporting the PI revised his scope and budget and asked the committee to take another look at the revised project for funding. Mr. Stopyra made a motion for discussion to revisit project #18-037 Ferrarezi, Millennium Block, to be considered for funding. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean. There was discussion about having a call for supplemental proposals in January, which may include this proposal and any other proposals that were turned down, or for new proposals. It was agreed that from a process standpoint it would be better if the committee asked that all projects be resubmitted, rather than to single out project #18-037C. Mr. Stopyra made a motion to amend the original motion and to table the discussion until sometime in October or later for further discussion at another CPDC meeting and to reconsider the project for funding. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully. Mr. Stopyra withdrew his motion and Dr. Scully withdrew his second to the motion. Dr. Ouimet made a motion to reconsider project #18-037C, along with other projects that were submitted but not approved, sometime in January. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully. After further committee discussion and clarification on what the committee wants to do with supplemental proposals and funding, Dr. Ouimet withdrew her motion and Dr. Scully withdrew his second to the motion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown