

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**

**Minutes of the  
Commercial Product Delivery Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 11, 2019**

A meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 in Ben Hill Griffin Hall at the UF-IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Vice Chair Holly Chamberlain. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were Mr. Larry Black, Ms. Holly Chamberlain, Mr. Tim Eyrich, Ms. Kelly Friend (telephone), Dr. Alec Hayes (telephone), Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone), Dr. Pat Ouimet (telephone) who later arrived in person, Dr. Brian Scully, Ms. Shannon Shepp (telephone), Mr. Tom Stopyra and Mr. John Updike, Jr. Not in attendance was Dr. Greg Hodges. Other participants were Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Rick Dantzler, Dr. Jim Graham, Mr. Michael Ireby, Ms. Audrey Nowicki, Dr. Tom Obreza (telephone) and Dr. Jim Syvertsen.

Others attending the meeting included: Mr. Peter Chaires, Dr. Fred Gmitter (telephone), Dr. Juanita Popenoe and Mr. Gee Roe.

Mr. Updike moved to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and, with no discussion, passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Chamberlain opened the meeting with discussion of the committee Chair and Category 2 member. Mr. Dantzler discussed the current by-laws with regard to the nominations. The by-laws require a Category 1 Board member to chair the CPDC and a Category 2 Board member, which is a UF representative, to be a member of the CPDC. Mr. Newlin made a motion to nominate Dr. Pat Ouimet to chair the Commercial Product Delivery Committee, as the Category 1 Board member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Updike and passed with Dr. Ouimet abstaining. Mr. Black made a motion to nominate Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa as the Category 2 Board member to become a member of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully and passed unanimously.

Dr. Graham presented project #18-055C Qureshi and asked for consideration for additional funding in the amount of \$83,048, making the total funding for the contract \$621,897. Mr. Black made a motion to recommend for Board approval, the additional funding of \$83,048 for project #18-055C Qureshi, and for staff to revisit with the PI to discuss staffing, plot size, PCR costs and evaluation criteria. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stopyra and passed with an opposing vote from Mr. Updike; Ms. Friend abstained from voting.

Dr. Graham presented project #18-065C Hall and reported that, due to Dr. Hall's retirement December 31, 2018, USDA is asking for re-assignment of the project to Dr. Ed Stover, the major

user of the project. Mr. Stopyra made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the re-assignment of project #18-065C Hall to Dr. Ed Stover. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed; Dr. Scully abstained from voting.

Dr. Graham presented Mr. Mike Ireys' proposal for continued support for the Southern Gardens Diagnostic Laboratory for consideration. Mr. Mike Ireys reported on the status of the currently-funded project #17-002 and provided supporting documentation of sample examples. Mr. Black made a motion to recommend continued support of funding of the SG Diagnostic Lab for Board approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully and passed; Mr. Eyrich and Ms. Friend abstained from voting.

A lengthy discussion was held on the draft 2019 RFP. Mr. Dantzler explained that he, Dr. Graham and Dr. Syvertsen drafted it after reviewing the 2018 RFP and analyzing the outreach effort with the industry that had led to it. Mr. Dantzler then explained that the three UF/IFAS Center Directors had reviewed it. Dr. Scully took issue that USDA/ARS and citrus organizations had not been included in the review. Mr. Dantzler agreed to reach out to USDA/ARS and the citrus organizations and incorporate their input.

Mr. Dantzler gave an update on the Bayer Project Joint Steering Committee meeting held in California on January 28-29 that he, Mr. Black and Dr. Graham attended. Additional comments were made by Mr. Black, Dr. Graham and Dr. Ouimet, who is also a member of the Joint Steering Committee, on the meeting.

Dr. Syvertsen gave a brief review on the September 30, 2018 quarterly project managers report included in committee materials and reported that he would discuss the report in greater detail if anyone had questions.

There was committee discussion to revisit projects not approved during the 2018 RFP process or funding requests received off-cycle. Nothing specific was decided, but Mr. Stopyra asked that the millennium project be reconsidered.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown