

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Research Management Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by Chairman David Howard. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben, Mr. Tim Dooley, Mr. David Howard, Mr. Daniel Scott (telephone), Mr. Joby Sherrod (telephone), Mr. Jim Snively, Mr. Buddy Strickland (telephone) and Mr. Forest Taylor. Members that did not participate were Mr. Steve Farr and Mr. Wayne Simmons.

Also participating were Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Rick Dantzler, Dr. Fred Gmitter (telephone), Dr. Jim Graham, Dr. Juan Carlos Motamayor Arias, Mr. Bob Newsome (telephone), Ms. Audrey Nowicki, Dr. Tom Obreza (telephone), Dr. Pat Ouimet (telephone), Dr. Jim Syvertsen, Mr. John Updike and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Snively moved to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barben and passed unanimously.

Chairman Howard opened the meeting by asking Mr. Dantzler to give a brief Legislative update. Mr. Dantzler reported on the meeting he attended with Mr. Mike Sparks in Tallahassee on February 13, 2019 to discuss the need for research and funding for the citrus industry. The “hot topics” addressed included applied research and large-scale field trials. If the large-scale field trials happen there will need to be a research component to it, which CRDF is considering taking on and administrating.

There was committee discussion on the GRIP program, now known as CRAFT (Citrus Research and Field Trials). Mr. Dantzler reported that Florida Citrus Mutual will be discussing the CRAFT program in detail at their next Board meeting, which will be on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9am.

Mr. Howard asked Mr. Dantzler to explain the structure of the new Select Committee and how it fits into the by-laws. Mr. Dantzler reported that the Foundation Board has recently revised the by-laws, which provides for the creation of Select Committees. A Select Committee is a stand-alone committee, not a subcommittee of an already existing committee. He explained that the proposed Select Committee on Plant Improvement would not a subcommittee under RMC. During the CRDF Board Retreat there were discussions with the IF-IFAS Plant Breeders about the status of the Plant Improvement Select Committee. If this Select Committee is created, it would include the UF-IFAS partners and the Federal partners. There are three basic questions the Select Committee would be considering: 1) meeting quarterly with our Plant Breeders, to make sure they are doing what the industry wants, 2) collecting the data that the industry needs, and 3) distributing the data as quickly as possible. There was committee discussion about the Select Committee, its purpose and focus, the structure of the committee, and who the members will be. Mr. Dantzler has spoken with several people that have agreed to serve on the Select Committee, and those nine members include:

- Category 1 Board Members: Mr. Bobby Barben and Dr. Pat Ouimet
- Category 2 Board Member: Dr. Tom Obreza
- River Grower Reps: Mr. Tim Dooley and Mr. Daniel Scott
- Ridge Grower Rep: Mr. Deeley Hunt
- Nursery Rep: Mr. John Gose
- Southwest Area Reps: Mr. Ed Leotti and Mr. Jim Snively

Mr. Barben made a motion to support the recommendation of a Select Committee to handle Plant Improvement projects, for Board approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strickland. There was continued committee discussion on the guidelines for the Select Committee's responsibilities, as well as what is expected of the Plant Breeders. With no further discussion, the motion was repeated and passed unanimously.

Mr. Howard reported that two Board members will be added to the Research Management Committee. Those members are Mr. Bob Newsome and Dr. Tom Obreza.

Mr. Dantzler reviewed the draft 2019 RFP. He explained that he, Dr. Graham and Dr. Syvertsen had 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 he reached out to the three center directors for review of the draft 2019 RFP. When it was pointed out by Dr. Brian Scully that USDA-ARS and industry organizations had not been consulted, it was decided that they should be. Mr. Howard added comments to the review of the draft 2019 RFP. He also asked the committee to review the 2018 RFP against the draft 2019 RFP. There was further committee discussion on the timeline and priorities of the 2019 RFP. It was agreed that a request for comments and revisions of the draft 2019 RFP come from RMC, CPDC, grower organizations and federal partners, and be submitted to Mr. Dantzler by Thursday, February 28, 2019. Those comments and revisions will then be discussed in an early March meeting to finalize the 2019 RFP.

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

Mr. Dantzler gave a brief update on the Bayer Project Joint Steering Committee meeting held in California on January 28-29 that he, Mr. Black, Dr. Hayes and Dr. Graham all attended. Additional comments were made by Dr. Graham.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown.