

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

**Minutes of the**

**Research Management Committee Meeting**

**February 17, 2015**

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in the Packing House Conference Room at the University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Chairman Bobby Barben. 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. Peter McClure (telephone); Mr. Joby Sherrod; Mr. Wayne Simmons; Mr. Jim Snively; and Mr. Mike Stewart. Mr. Bill Barber; Mr. Larry Davis; and Mr. Tom Jerkins did not participate.

Also participating were: Mr. Jerry Newlin; and Dr. Tom Turpen. Also present were: Ms. Brandi Goller; Mr. Alec Hayes (telephone); Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Steve Farr moved to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stewart, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Turpen reviewed the nuPsyllid Research, Advisory, and Stakeholder Team meeting held February 8, 2015 in Orlando. The nuPsyllid PowerPoint presentation shown at the RMC meeting by Dr. Turpen will be posted to the website.

Dr. Turpen reviewed the seven projects approved within the USDA, NIFA, SCRI Citrus Disease Research and Education Program, remarking that CRDF projects will be reviewed to safeguard against overlap in funding with these new multi-year projects.

Mr. Newlin and other committee members expressed frustration that Dr. Grosser's and Dr. Bowman's citrus breeding projects were not approved for NIFA funding and indicated that within a week this committee is ready to act on them.

Dr. Turpen said that the NIFA and MAC research programs will be completed and CRDF programs can fill in the gaps. With new research funded from other sources, it will be necessary to preserve the process the Foundation has developed.

Mr. Farr asked if the Foundation could hire someone to oversee the progress of the USDA grants and offer commercialization support at the appropriate time. Dr. Turpen indicated he can contact the PI's and inform them the Foundation wants to be sure they are aware of scale-up, regulatory and commercialization aspects.

Mr. Barben cited the list of CRDF-funded projects that are terminating through June 30, 2015. Dr. Browning and Dr. Turpen contacted a number of PI's whose projects were invited to submit

a pre-proposal for continued funding. Dr. Turpen summarized those projects and asked the committee to provide direction on additional projects to add to the invitation list.

The committee recommended 15 researchers on 23 different projects be contacted for follow-up.

Committee members discussed the value of the breeding program by Dr. Grosser and colleagues and the importance of continued funding. Mr. Newlin suggested that the committee consider recommending staff have the ability to make decisions to bridge funding on programs like this and Dr. Bowman's project.

The committee expressed disappointment that details of progress on many projects previously funded lacked adequate detail and expressed interest in having researchers attend a meeting to discuss their projects, particularly overwintering (Pelz-Stelinski-581), kaolin (Sharma-860), and uptake of nutrients and ACPS (Schumann-593 and 594).

Dr. Turpen was requested to discuss the importance of continuing Dr. Rogers's imidacloprid project without lapse.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by A. Nowicki