

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the

Research Management Committee Meeting

June 9, 2015

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2015 at the Grove House in Lake Wales, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Bobby Barben. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Bill Barber; Mr. Larry Davis; Mr. Tim Dooley; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Peter McClure; Mr. Joby Sherrod; Mr. Wayne Simmons; Mr. Jim Snively; and Mr. Mike Stewart. Mr. Steve Farr and Mr. Tom Jerkins did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Jerry Newlin; and Dr. Tom Turpen. Also present were: Ms. Brandi Goller; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Snively moved to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning summarized the process for receiving this year's proposals and discussed the May 28 & 29 meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board which resulted in the ranking of proposals from the highest ranked to their recommendation of do not fund on several projects. He also reviewed the topics of research covered by the federal funding sources and presented a list of the federally funded projects, all focused on HLB. The SAB also reviewed the most recent progress reports on currently-funded projects to identify performance concerns.

Mr. Barben thanked Dr. George Bruening, who was not able to participate this year for health reasons, for his excellent guidance the last several years, and noted that Dr. Lindow, also very well respected, led the meetings.

The committee reviewed each project individually, discussing both the *ad hoc* reviewer and SAB comments and scores in comparison with their evaluations. The committee agreed with all of the SAB recommendations to revise or reduce the number of objectives, and consequently budgets, on a number of projects. They discussed which projects are most critical to all growers, and agreed that with regard to several pending projects, more focus should be placed on evaluating and advancing current rootstock, scions and genetic constructs in field trials and less on continuing to create new candidates. The committee noted success to date in creating testable candidates and felt that advancing these is most important, since new candidates would likely take longer to become available to growers.

The committee reviewed the ranked list of projects to be sure that the essential research projects were placed properly and in accordance with their priorities. Mr. Barber made a motion that eighteen projects identified by the committee be recommended to the Board for

funding, noting changes in scope and funding as identified in discussion of the individual projects, as revenue is available. The motion included the recommendation that eight projects at the bottom of the list not be funded. Seconded by Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning discussed the renewal of the Research Management and Program Support contract scope for next year, which includes a monthly retainer of \$6,250 for a total projected budget of \$75,000 in FY 2015-16 plus approved travel expenses. In addition, the nuPsyllid Project Management contract has an option for one-year renewal at the same funding level of \$72,000, a retainer of \$6,000 per month. Mr. Simmons made a motion to recommend Board approval for renewal of the Research Management portion of the TIG contract as well as the nuPsyllid Project Management contract renewal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning reported that the industry recommendations for the four Research Management Committee reappointments will be communicated to the Board President for official reappointment per the Bylaws.

Mr. Barben opened the discussion of a committee chair and vice chair. Mr. Davis made a motion to reappoint Mr. Barben as Research Management Committee Chairman and Mr. Simmons as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Stewart, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McClure suggested when the next Knowledge Mapping session is planned, members of both the Research Management Committee and Board be included in the discussions.

Other business:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by A. Nowicki