A meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, April 24, 2017. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman Ben McLean. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Larry Black; Ms. Holly Chamberlain (telephone); Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Mr. Ricke Kress; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone); Dr. Patricia Ouimet; Mr. Andy Rackley (telephone); Dr. Brian Scully; Ms. Shannon Shepp (telephone); Mr. Tom Stopyra; and Mr. Hugh W. Thompson. Other participants were: Mr. Dan Botts; Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone); Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Dr. Michael Rogers; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Dr. James Syvertsen.

Others attending the meeting included Ms. Brandy Brown, Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone), and Ms. Brandi Goller.

Mr. Stopyra moved to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and with no discussion, passed unanimously.

Chairman McLean asked for the Active Project Updates.

Dr. Slinski presented the ASI Quarterly Report, highlighting data emerging from her quarterly meeting with the ASI/CRADA team. The Committee discussed the ASI trials and their upcoming presentation at the June Annual Citrus Grower Conference. Emphasis was placed on presentation of data from recurrent field trials that would advise growers of accumulating evidence for impact of the bactericide treatments.

Dr. Slinski made a presentation on the biopesticide field trial results. The committee discussed continuing the trial for a second year, based on limited expectations for measurable impact following one year of treatments. Mr. Davis made a motion to support continuation of the biopesticides trial project 15-049C Booker “Evaluation of minimal-risk and biopesticide products as a protectant and therapy for HLB.” for a second year with a proposal and budget from Dr. Slinski to be presented at the next CPDC meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean and passed with two opposing votes from Mr. Black and Mr. Stopyra.

Dr. Slinski discussed the structure for the prospective tank-mix trials and will present more details at the June meeting. Mr. Newlin asked Dr. Slinski to update the committee on progress with various bactericide detection methods at each monthly meeting.

Mr. Dan Botts discussed the Section 18 Approval Update. Dr. Browning discussed the EPA reregistration review of the Neonicotinoids. Mr. Botts provided materials on the Neonicotinoids and gave a brief update.
Dr. Browning discussed Psyllid management and the group representing Texas, California, and Florida that are working on a project for USDA, APHIS HLB MAC to investigate the impact of multiple infections by psyllids on tree health.

Dr. Browning presented project #17-001C Stelinski “Insecticide resistance management in Florida citrus production.” for $226,247 for two years. Mr. Kress made a motion to support of the continued field work with a budget amount of $226,247 for two years. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ouimet and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning communicated that Mr. Tim Eyrich will update the committee on progress related to the RNAi field trial to suppress ACP at the next CPDC meeting.

Dr. Browning gave an overview on HLB Resistance/Tolerance Project Organization resulting from the RMC committee actions. Dr. Hatcher reviewed the presentations on the Rootstock Pipeline, Scion Breeding Pipeline, Rootstock Protocol, Scion Trial Location Summary, Rootstock Trial Location Summary, and the responses to the letters sent to ARS and IFAS.

Dr. Browning gave an update on the herbicide treatment project in abandoned groves. Two of three sites were treated, but before the third site could be treated, a correspondence was received from Syngenta recommending that no further treatments be made. Mr. Botts discussed the continuation and recommended completing the project. Mr. Black made a motion to support continuation of project #16-027C Futch “Determine impact of Reglone application on killing abandoned citrus trees in mature groves - A demonstration.” The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning discussed the 2017-18 CRDF Operating Budget – CPDC Components.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown