

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

A meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, May 16, 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: Dr. Tim Anglea; Mr. Larry Black; Ms. Holly Chamberlain; Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Ricke Kress (telephone); Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone); Dr. Patricia Ouimet; Mr. Andy Rackley; Dr. Brian Scully; Ms. Shannon Shepp (telephone) and Mr. Hugh Thompson (telephone). Dr. Jackie Burns, Mr. Peter McClure and Mr. Tom Stoprya did not participate. Other participants were: Mr. Dan Botts; Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Bond Caldwell; Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone); Mr. Tim Eyrich; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Ms. Shannen Leahy; Ms. Juanita Popenoe; Dr. James Syvertsen; and Dr. Tom Turpen (telephone).

Others attending the meeting included Ms. Brandy Brown, Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone), Ms. Brandi Goller, Mr. Ned Hancock (telephone), Mr. Tom Jerkins, Ms. Audrey Nowicki (telephone) and Dr. Eduardo Traut.

Mr. Black moved to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Anglea and with no discussion, passed unanimously.

Chairman McLean asked for Active Project Updates.

Dr. Browning presented the continuation of funding for year two of project #15-049C Booker “Evaluation of minimal-risk and biopesticide products as a protectant and therapy for HLB”, as discussed in the April CPDC meeting. Mr. McLean made a motion to support the continuation of the biopesticides trial for a second year with a proposed budget of \$42,954 for year two. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed with an opposing vote from Mr. Black.

Dr. Browning presented two PCR lab proposals. Project #17-002C Irey “Continued support of the Southern Gardens diagnostic labs” with a budget of \$451,953 for two years and project #17-003C Batuman “Continuation of diagnostic service for growers for detection of HLB in citrus and psyllid to aid in management decisions” with a budget of \$644,913 for 2 years.

Mr. Davis made a motion to support project #17-002C Irey “Continued support of the Southern Gardens diagnostic labs” with a budget of \$451,953 for two years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed with one abstaining vote from Mr. Kress.

Mr. Davis made a motion to discontinue funding of project #17-003C Batuman “Continuation of diagnostic service for growers for detection of HLB in citrus and psyllid to aid in management decisions” with a budget of \$644,913 for two years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed with one abstaining vote from Mr. Kress.

Dr. Browning presented project #16-025.2C Booker “Comparison of chemical uptake with laser ablation and conventional foliar application” for additional funding of \$500. Dr. Scully made a motion to support the additional funding of \$500 for project #16-025.2C Booker “Comparison of chemical uptake with laser ablation and conventional foliar application”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning gave an update on Dr. Slinski’s Trunk Application Workshop held in April, and an update on detection technology associated with the bactericides.

Mr. Dan Botts gave a brief report on EPA and the ongoing review of neonicotinoids.

Mr. Tim Eyrich introduced Dr. Traut and Ms. Shannen Leahy who work on the RNAi project. Mr. Eyrich and Ms. Leahy presented an overview of the RNAi field trial to suppress ACP, followed by committee discussion.

Dr. Hatcher gave an update on the upcoming RMC meetings. The first meeting, which will discuss Rootstocks, will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 and the second meeting to discuss Scions will be held Monday, June 12, 2017.

Dr. Browning reviewed the Project Managers Quarterly Report.

Dr. Browning discussed the CPDC Work Plans and the 2017-18 CRDF Operating Budget. There was committee discussion regarding the TIG contract. Mr. Black made a motion to delay contract agreement with TIG for CPDC function until the Senior Program Manager is hired with staff recommendation. If there is not a Senior Manager in place by July 1, 2017, the current contract with TIG will end. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully and passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the work plans for Dr. Jim Syvertsen and the operating budget for FY 2017-18. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning gave an update on the Grower Experience forensics and the USDA, APHIS-MAC programs.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown