

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2017

A meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Thursday, August 10, 2017. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am 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 (telephone); Mr. Andy Rackley (telephone); Dr. Brian Scully; Ms. Shannon Shepp (telephone); Mr. Tom Stopyra; and Mr. Hugh Thompson (telephone). Dr. Jackie Burns and Mr. Peter McClure did not participate. Other participants were: Mr. Bob Adair (telephone); Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Jude Grosser; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Dr. Michael Rogers; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Dr. James Syvertsen.

Others attending the meeting included Ms. Brandy Brown, Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone), Dr. Fred Gmitter, Mr. Ernie Neff, Dr. Juanita Popenoe, Ms. Callie Walker, and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Black moved to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stopyra and with no discussion, passed unanimously.

Chairman McLean asked for Active Project Updates.

Dr. Slinski presented the trunk applications field experimentation update, reporting that a workshop has been held to organize an integrated approach to the next field phase of this project. Dr. Slinski requested support from the committee as she plans to submit the proposal for MAC funding. Mr. Black made a motion to support approaching MAC funding for the trunk applications project. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully and passed with an abstaining vote from Mr. Kress.

Dr. Slinski presented the tank mix evaluation draft experimental approach. There was committee discussion about the projects being committee driven rather than staff driven and if there should be a subcommittee to discuss the tank mix evaluation in greater detail. Mr. Newlin made a motion to create a subcommittee to work with Dr. Slinski to address efficacy and uptake in tank mix trials. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously. There was a suggestion made to have a statistician participate from the beginning of the process.

Dr. Slinski informed the committee that the #16-025C Ablate - Phase II of laser-assisted bactericide application proposal was not ready to discuss and will be brought forwarded in a later meeting.

Dr. Slinski gave a report on the Brassinosteroids research that has been reported but is currently not funded by CRDF. It was requested that the report from Dr. Slinski and associated publications be made available on the citrusrdf.org website.

Dr. Browning gave a brief update on Section 18 tree health emergency registration of bactericides and the timeline for initiating the recertification process.

Dr. Browning gave an update on the IFAS CHMA project, reporting that this project has been extended and Dr. Rogers is working with the CHMA organization to work towards the next steps.

Dr. Browning presented #16-011C Adair “Reflective Mulch Evaluation Project,” and a request from the PI for a six month extension with a budget of \$49,434.30 to support salaries for field data and yield in this second year of the experiment. Mr. Stopyra made a motion to support the six-month extension with a budget of \$49,434.30 to project #16-011C Adair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chamberlain and passed unanimously.

Dr. Hatcher gave an update to the CPDC from the two RMC meetings that discussed rootstock and scion field trial evaluations and the process of organizing all CRDF efforts in this area. There was discussion of the pending MOU with University of Florida that will allow data collection and sharing in field trials requiring assistance from CRDF.

Dr. Syvertsen presented an update on Grower Experience Forensics, indicating the progress in site visits and preliminary observations made by the CRDF team.

Dr. Browning referenced the Project Manager Quarterly Report and encouraged committee members to review the report and forward questions or discussion back to the committee and staff

Dr. Browning gave an update on the hire of Senior Program Manager Dr. Lisa Weaver.

Appointment of a subcommittee to assist with the tank mix trials will be discussed further at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown