

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Research Management Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

A telephonic meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman David Howard. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben (telephone); Mr. Tim Dooley (telephone); Mr. Steve Farr; Mr. David Howard (telephone); Mr. Daniel Scott (telephone); Mr. Joby Sherrod (telephone); Mr. Wayne Simmons (telephone); Mr. Jim Snively (telephone); and Mr. Forest Taylor (telephone). Mr. Tim Dooley and Mr. Peter McClure did not participate. Also participating were: Ms. Brandy Brown; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; and Dr. Stephanie Slinski. Others attending the meeting included Mr. Tim Eyrich (telephone), Dr. Fred Gmitter (telephone), Mr. Buddy Strickland (telephone) and Dr. Rosa Walsh (telephone).

Mr. Snively moved to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barben and passed unanimously.

Chairman Howard asked Dr. Hatcher to open the meeting with the RMC Portfolio Review. Dr. Hatcher reviewed the CPDC Research Portfolio and discussed each project with the committee. Mr. Barben suggested a tour of Dr. Gmitter's greenhouse work to see what's being done and the results. It was also suggested that Dr. Gmitter be added to an upcoming Board of Directors meeting agenda for a presentation. Another suggestion was made to invite the IFAS Plant Improvement Team to make a presentation and give a tour.

Committee discussion about communications regarding research project summaries, project completion and for reports to be made public for viewing. Mr. Farr made a motion to recommend the Board adopt a procedure for all Research Project Reports and be made available to the public with approval from the PI. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snively and passed unanimously.

Dr. Hatcher gave an update on project #16-007 Duan, field evaluation of the selected variants of Ruby Red grapefruit volunteer seedlings for greater HLB resistance/tolerance. This project scope, objectives and timelines have changed significantly. Staff is requesting RMC review the scope, project deliverables, timeline and budget and advise next steps for action. Mr. Howard made a motion to ask Dr. Ping Duan to revise and resubmit the project in current form to staff for review and to have the information submitted before the June 5 RMC meeting, otherwise the committee would seek termination in its current form. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barben and passed with Mr. Scott abstaining.

Dr. Hatcher asked the committee to seek a motion to accept the Portfolio Review as presented of all projects that were discussed. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept the RMC Portfolio Review as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barben and passed unanimously.

Dr. Slinski gave an update on the timeline and process for RMC-18 for Pre-Proposals and Proposals, which will be discussed and reviewed at the June 5 RMC Meeting. Mr. Howard stressed the importance of all committee members attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Howard informed the committee that Mr. Peter McClure is stepping off the committee and asked the committee if they know of anyone who would want to join RMC to contact Mr. Rob Atchley, President of Florida Citrus Production Managers Association.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.