

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Meeting
Friday, August 19, 2016

A telephonic meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Friday, August 19, 2016. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Bobby Barben. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Tim Dooley; Mr. Steve Farr; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Peter McClure; Mr. Joby Sherrod; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Mike Stewart. Mr. Larry Davis and Mr. Jim Snively did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; and Dr. Tom Turpen. Also present were: Ms. Audrey Nowicki; and Ms. Brandy Brown.

Mr. Simmons moved to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr, and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning reported Mr. Steve Farr, Mr. Joby Sherrod, Mr. Jim Snively, and Mr. Mike Stewart have been reappointed to the Committee. Mr. Bill Barber submitted his resignation and a replacement has not been named. He introduced Dr. Catherine Hatcher, CRDF's new HLB Resistance Project Manager.

Dr. Browning stated UF will be meeting with industry representatives next week regarding their new policy for indirect costs. There are currently projects on hold due to the indirect cost issue.

Mr. Barben indicated two proposals were on the agenda for consideration. The third pending project, a revision to 16-008 Johnson, has not been submitted.

Revised Proposal 16-005 Wang received favorable review by the Scientific Advisory Board, who were in support of going forward to demonstrate the ability to introduce GFP into CLAs in ACP. Mr. McClure moved to recommend one year of funding in the amount of \$153,830 for Revised Proposal 16-005 N Wang "GFP labeling of Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus in vivo and its applications", with continuation funding dependent on proof of concept and progress in year 1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and passed unanimously.

The first year progress report on project 15-020 Mou received favorable review by the Scientific Advisory Board who supported continuing the project. Mr. Simmons moved to recommend years 2 and 3 continuation funding of Project 15-020 Z Mou "Create citrus varieties resistant to Huanglongbing (HLB) through transgenic and nontransgenic approaches" for a total project amount of \$358,922. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr and passed unanimously.

Dr. Turpen had nothing to report for the Project Manager update.

Dr. Browning reported that the Strategic Planning Initiative 1 covers project areas with a delivery timeline of less than 3 years, and generally these projects are managed within CPD.

Initiative 2 focuses on medium to long-term project that have reasonable probability of leading to solutions. A step for Initiative two is that the current portfolio of CRDF medium-long term project projects will be reviewed to evaluate areas of highest priority and thus focus for priority resources.

At the same time, this planning should consider elimination of any projects not progressing toward desired results. Dr. Browning asked that the committee provide their thoughts on assisting with the evaluation. Mr. Barben said they will need more detailed information than what is provided in the quarterly progress reports to do so. PI's may be required to submit a bibliography of their work to generate the information needed for both an independent outside and a committee review of the history of projects. The options for engaging a scientific peer group to assist in the technical review were discussed, and plans will proceed to identify such a mechanism.

The committee will be polled for the next meeting once revised proposal 16-008 Johnson is received.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Minutes submitted by B. Brown