

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Research Management Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Chairman Bobby Barben. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Larry Davis; Mr. Tim Dooley; Mr. Steve Farr; Mr. Daniel Scott; Mr. Joby Sherrod (telephone); Mr. Wayne Simmons (telephone); and Mr. Jim Snively. Mr. David Howard, Mr. Peter McClure and Mr. Mike Stewart did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Dr. Jim Dukowitz; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Dr. Tom Turpen. Also present were: Ms. Brandy Brown; Ms. Audrey Nowicki and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Barben welcomed new Research Management Committee Member, Daniel Scott.

Mr. Snively moved to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis, and passed unanimously.

Dr. Turpen, Dr. Slinski, and Dr. Hatcher presented the 2017 Portfolio Review with Project Manager Recommendations. The presentation provided details of the portfolio of current projects managed through the Research Management Committee. The projects were separated into those scheduled to continue beyond July 1, 2017 and those that have ended or will end prior to June 30, 2017. Project Managers had conducted a review of each project, assessing progress, spending timeliness, and the potential for a next phase proposal for any projects that were ending. Projects were identified as requiring no action if the Project Manager recommendation was to allow them to end as scheduled or to continue without further consideration. Projects requiring further evaluation and communication with Principle Investigators also were identified, and a number of projects had been identified by Project Managers having issues that need attention in order for the project to continue as scheduled. The majority of these projects tagged as needing attention related to field evaluation of HLB tolerance or resistance. Finally, one project that was scheduled for continuation was identified as having an issue that had not been resolved, and carried a recommendation from Project Managers to terminate the project.

Following considerable discussion relating to progress in identifying and field testing HLB tolerant or resistant candidate rootstocks and scions, Mr. Snively made a motion that the RMC seek Board approval to compose and send a letter to the four PI's of the Plant Improvement/Breeding projects, copying all levels of their supervisors, requesting they provide responses to Catherine Hatcher's requests (primarily clarification of actions towards objectives, requested data, and clarification of any overlap with NIFA funding) before additional support is provided to the breeding programs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis, and passed unanimously. This is the second correspondence to UF, IFAS and USDA in relation to need for cooperation in evaluating progress in plant improvement, the former being communicated several months earlier by the President of the Board of Directors.

The project recommended for termination by Project Management was discussed. Issues of unresolved intellectual property has delayed execution of the agreement for more than 8 months, and the important field trial has not advanced due to this delay. Mr. Snively made a motion to terminate (withdraw approval) of project #16-007 Duan Field evaluation of selected variants of Ruby Red grapefruit volunteer seedlings for greater HLB resistance/tolerance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed, with Mr. Daniel Scott abstaining.

Mr. Farr made a motion for the Committee to accept staff recommendations on current projects and recommended follow up. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously. Project Managers will work on draft wording for a targeted RFP on gene editing for HLB resistance.

Mr. Newlin made a request to seek the next steps in evaluating various questions related to optimized nutrition to overcome root injury and poor tree health due to HLB. Suggesting staff consider this in a targeted call for proposals. Dr. Turpen suggested inviting a follow-on proposal to the Kelly Morgan project, which is ending.

Dr. Turpen discussed the Timeline for CATP17 process, indicating that this timeline would be adjusted as the issue of a limited call for proposals was addressed in subsequent meetings.

Dr. Turpen gave a Project Manager update on NuPsyllid, indicating that a more comprehensive report and white paper on the nuPsyllid project would be provided at the next RMC meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown