

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by Chairman David Howard. 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. Daniel Scott (telephone); Mr. Joby Sherrod; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Forest Taylor. Mr. Peter McClure and Mr. Jim Snively did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. John Arthington; Ms. Brandy Brown; Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone); Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; Dr. Jim Syvertsen; and Mr. John Updike, Jr.

Mr. Simmons moved to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr and passed unanimously.

Chairman Howard introduced and welcomed Dr. John Arthington, CRDF's new Interim COO. Dr. Arthington thanked Mr. Howard and the committee and spoke briefly about his background and his plans while working with CRDF.

Mr. Howard introduced and welcomed Mr. Forest Taylor as RMC's newest committee member to replace Mr. Mike Stewart. Mr. Howard also informed the committee that Mr. Larry Davis has stepped off the committee and requested that recommendation of a replacement for him be given to Mr. Rob Atchley as President of Florida Citrus Production Managers Association.

Dr. Slinski briefly reviewed the timeline and process for RMC-18.

Mr. Howard briefly discussed the 2017 NIFA CDRE Priorities.

Dr. Slinski reviewed and discussed the industry and research input to the 2018 call for proposals and priority ranking sheet. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the list emerging from the February 15, 2018 RMC listening session, and the sorted ideas per major topics were reviewed. Committee members positioned the ideas within major topics for: 1) further consideration to be recommended for inclusion in the call for pre-proposals; 2) those that are not recommended as top priorities to be included in the call for pre-proposals; and 3), ideas or priorities to defer to consideration by CPDC, where the specific topic may be more relevant. Discussion of the priorities was concluded after all information from grower input was considered, and this work product will move forward for revision per the committee discussion, and in preparation for the April RMC meeting. For the April meeting, the input from the National Academy of Science report, from USDA, ARS and from UF, IFAS will be overlaid on these emerging tables of potential priorities and the preliminary priority organization will be updated for advancement to the Board.

Mr. Howard informed the committee that an updated RMC membership list was included in the materials for review and reminded everyone to sign and return their Conflict of Interest (COI) forms to Ms. Brandy Brown by Friday, March 30, 2018.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by B. Brown