

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Research Management Committee Meeting

May 22, 2013

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on May 22, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairman Bobby Barben. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Barben, Mr. Barber, Mr. Larry Davis, Mr. Farr, Mr. Howard, Mr. Jerkins, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Dooley, Mr. Simmons and Mr. Snively. Mr. McClure and Mr. Walker were absent. Also participating were Dr. Browning, Dr. Turpen, Mr. Newlin, Mr. Minter, Ms. Shepp, Mr. Page, Mr. Jackson, Mr. McLean, Mr. Frost, Mr. Massey, Dr. Dukowitz, Dr. Arnold, Mr. Trimmer, Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr., Mr. Thompson, Dr. Richardson, Ms. Carlton, Dr. Brodersen, Ms. Nowicki and Ms. Johnson.

Mr. Snively moved to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barber, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brodersen's project #707 was reviewed and Dr. Turpen explained that the CRDF has asked Dr. Brodersen to include field trials to evaluate PGRs against HLB and fruit drop in his currently approved project #707. This change would add \$81,569 to the already approved budget. Mr. Jerkins made a motion to add the \$81,569 to the already approved budget of \$99,561 for a total of \$181,130. The motion was seconded by Mr. Howard and passed unanimously.

Dr. Dewdney's approved project #715, investigating the leaf litter cycle of citrus black spot and improvement to current management practices, also was revised upon request by CRDF to add an objective contained in a proposal by Dr. Van Bruggen. The addition to her project would be \$16,882 for a total of \$577,352. The part of this project that will be conducted in Australia has \$234,000 and the Australians have matched funding for this project dollar for dollar. Mr. Howard made a motion to support the additional funds of \$16,882 and thus approve the revised project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and passed unanimously.

The third project considered was Dr. Gonzalez's Project #726. Dr. Gonzalez's proposal was entitled "A Bacterial Virus Based Method for Bio control of Citrus Canker". Both scientific reviewers and RMC of CRDF requested the original proposal show proof of concept for this approach to canker control and approved year one of funding. CRDF also asked him to consider parallel proof of concept research with phage of CLas for HLB management. Mr. Simmons made a motion to add \$113,507 to his first year proof of concept to include HLB in the revised project for a total of \$236,623. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning made a brief presentation on the current research projects that fall under the short term legislative funding goals. There are 43 projects representing approximately \$4 million of funding that are being further evaluated. Because this

funding source has a one year time table, current projects are being evaluated for opportunity to accelerate ongoing work in lieu of soliciting new projects, a time-consuming process. In addition to enhancing existing research projects, Commercial Product Delivery projects that are currently under way or are being planned for accelerating delivery of solutions to HLB also are being considered for funding through this legislative initiative. These will be addressed at ensuing CPDC meetings. CRDF staff will be looking at other enhancements that can be supported with this short-term funding.

A review of the Technology Innovation Group (TIG) Program Management contract proposal for 2013/14 indicates that Research Management and Commercial Product Delivery Management are included with separate but integrated scopes of services. These scopes of service for Research Management and Commercial Product Management were presented to the committee, consistent with the materials that were provided to both RMC and CPDC members in advance. It was also noted that the USDA NIFA nuPsyllid grant is a separate issue that includes a half-time Program Manager, and is governed under a separate agreement as part of the federal funding. Mr. Jerkins made a motion to recommend the Research Management component of the contract to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Howard, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. John Jackson made a presentation from Mid Florida Citrus Foundation (MFCF), requesting consideration of an expansion of the current CRDF project located at this site. Mr. Jackson indicated that MFCF offers many advantages for conducting research. The city of Orlando has given them a lease for 200 acres of land that can be used for experiments. There are many researchers from CREC that have ongoing experiments there. These researchers pay a charge back fee in their projects to help MFCF with funding. However because reduced yields have been cutting their funding even more, funding to manage this area is becoming more challenging. MFCF is requesting an enhancement to the current CRDF project #503. Mr. Jerkins made a motion to request a revised budget from MFCF for the committee to review. Seconded by Mr. Howard, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning reported George Walker has asked to step down from the Research Management Committee and there are also three members who have terms that are ending in June. CRDF will be working with Florida Citrus Production Managers Association (FCPMA) to seek their recommendations for committee membership.

Since the announcement of funding from the legislature, CRDF is receiving suggestions continually on how to spend the money and questions on how the money will be spent. Dr. Browning is available to meet with groups to discuss the approach being taken to maximize the use of these funds.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Diane Johnson