

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Research Management Committee Meeting

July 16, 2013

A telephonic meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on July 16, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. by Chairman Bobby Barben. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating by phone were: Mr. Barben; Mr. Barber; Mr. Dooley; Mr. Howard; Mr. Jerkins; Mr. McClure; Mr. Simmons and Mr. Snively. Mr. Larry Davis, Mr. Farr and Mr. Merritt were absent. Also participating by phone were Dr. Turpen, Dr. Dukowitz, Mr. Newlin, Mr. Cross, Mr. Page, Ms. McCarthy, Mr. England, Mr. Willis, Dr. Conti, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Carlton, Ms. Nowicki and Ms. Johnson.

Mr. Simmons moved to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Mr. McClure, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Turpen presented a request for an increase in the MFCF budget for Project #503. Mr. England is requesting an \$87,500 budget increase, \$12,500 for the balance of the current contract year and \$75,000 for year two. The committee was concerned about research sites that have an uncertain financial footing. If it is not funded however, scientists could lose experiments that are ongoing at that site. The committee suggested that MFCF consider raising the research site fees to scientist to help cover the costs in the future. Mr. Barben made a motion to recommend to the Board approval of the budget increase of \$87,500 for MFCF. Seconded by Mr. McClure, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Turpen presented the CATP13 language and timeline to the committee for review. Dr. Turpen asked for areas of emphasis to include in the call for pre-proposals. The following three areas were brought up for emphasis.

- 1) Understanding water quality effects on HLB.
- 2) Evaluating non-copper treatment options for canker.
- 3) Cost effective methods of Diaprepes control.

Dr. Turpen will circulate the call for final edit among the committee and the finalized language will be posted for CATP13.

Blight was brought up for discussion. Dr. Turpen noted that blight would be included under the broad category of other emerging disease. Mr. McClure made a motion to accept the language in the Draft Request for Pre-Proposals. Seconded by Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

Other business:

Dr. Stansly, Dr. Dewdney and Dr. Arnold have nutritional projects that have just been completed. The committee asked that Dr. Turpen send the final reports for these projects to the Board and this committee. These reports should show the information learned in these types of studies, and can help guide growers' decisions on future nutritional sprays.

Dr. Browning and Dr. Turpen looked at all of the existing CATP research projects to see which of these projects fall into the category eligible for short term funding enhancement with the state legislative support. Of the 46 projects that address short-term research, ten appear most

appropriate for enhancement from the legislative funding. Additional plans and budget details are being submitted for consideration. Dr. Turpen is requesting the committee recommend the Board delegate the authority for final approval to Staff due to this time pressure. Without this approval another month would pass before this committee and the Board would meet again. The committee felt that because time is of the essence, and growers are sitting on the Board, the Board should be able to make this decision. Dr. Turpen did say that if the approved budgets exceed the existing projected budgets, he would bring the recommendations back to the committee for approval. Mr. Snively made a motion to recommend presenting the list of enhancements to the Board for their approval. Seconded by Mr. McClure, the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Diane Johnson