

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**

**Research Management Committee Meeting**

**September 22, 2014**

A telephonic meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, September 22, 2014. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. 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. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Peter McClure; Mr. Joby Sherrod; Mr. Wayne Simmons; Mr. Jim Snively; and Mr. Mike Stewart. Mr. Bill Barber and Mr. Larry Davis did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Jackie Burns; Dr. David Hall; Ms. Diane Johnson; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Ms. LeAnna Thimrod; Dr. Tom Turpen; and Ms. Audrey Nowicki.

Mr. Farr moved to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning updated the committee on the status of the federal funding process (USDA, NIFA, SCRI), noting the review process has been completed and proposals have been invited. They will be moving forward with the external and ad hoc reviews with approvals and contracting by the end of the calendar year.

The second round of Citrus Disease Research and Extension Program proposals will be initiated in synchrony with the 2014-15 round of the SCRI Program.

Mr. Barben noted the committee materials included three proposals for enhancements to current CRDF-funded projects, which Mr. Newlin had previously requested be considered. The Board indicated they wanted to see additional information on the proposals that would result in earlier solutions.

The first proposal enhancement to Project #838 (Dr. Morgan) requested \$140,542 for three years with \$48,912 the first year to increase the project from three trials with five products to five different trials. Additional treatments included compost plus application of organic acids. It was also noted that a UF microbiologist was joining the project. The discussion focused on the fact that there are other microbe projects being funded, budget limitations, and this is additional product testing which could be co-funded by suppliers. Mr. Simmons made a motion to recommend the Board fund \$20,000 per year contingent upon industry commitment to fund the balance over the next three years. Seconded by Joby Sherrod, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Stansly's (Project #447) request for an additional \$470,118 over three years is proposed as a continuation of his project that resulted from the 2011 nutrition workshop to fund two new plantings as well as adding a field trial with newly planted trees. The original project was funded for \$199,960 over three years, expiring February 2015. An enhancement to this research (Project #447-1) was contracted last year in the amount of \$148,159 and resulted in the installation of a field trial in the Indian River area. A discussion followed about the different conditions at various locations and whether anything new will be learned, whether or not the Indian River trial planted just last year should be supported, and if the PI should re-apply during the next RFP. It was decided that interested committee members would benefit from a visit to the current sites to learn more of what is being accomplished in the existing trials. Mr. Simmons

moved to table the proposal until additional information can be obtained on the project. Seconded by Mr. Sherrod, the motion passed unanimously.

The final project from Dr. Graham (Project #732) being considered is a request for \$35,702 for one year to enhance the current project. The primary use of the funding is purchase of a circular scanner to facilitate the collection of root data to increase the effectiveness of treatments while mitigating root loss. Dr. Browning will follow up with Dr. Graham regarding the life span of the equipment, quantity and cost of supplies and reasons it is not already being used. Mr. Farr moved to recommend the Board approve funding Dr. Graham's enhancement of project #732 in the amount of \$35,702. Seconded by Mr. Snively, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Turpen reported that the September knowledge mapping session has been postponed until the end of October due to conflicts with researchers' grant writing deadlines and schedules.

Dr. Browning verified the committee's desire to visit Dr. Stansly's sites and will communicate with Dr. Stansly to coordinate site visits for interested committee members.

**Other business:**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by A. Nowicki