

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Florida's Natural Grove House in Lake Wales, FL. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Chairman David Howard. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were Bobby Barben, Tim Dooley, Steve Farr, David Howard, Sean McCoy, Bob Newsome, Tom Obreza, Daniel Scott (telephone), Joby Sherrod, Wayne Simmons, Jim Snively, Buddy Strickland, and Forest Taylor. Members that did not participate were Juan Carlos Motamayor.

Also participating were Brandy Brown, Rick Dantzler, Fred Gmitter (telephone), Jim Graham, Audrey Nowicki, Pat Ouimet (telephone), Gee Roe, Michael Rogers (telephone), and Jim Syvertsen.

Chairman Howard opened the meeting by welcoming Sean McCoy as one of the newest members to the RMC and asked that he give a brief background of himself. Mr. McCoy reported that he has been employed with Tropicana/Pepsico for five years and is currently a Citrus Fruit Dealer. He stated that he is happy to be appointed to the RMC and looks forward to helping solve citrus industry issues.

Mr. Farr moved to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barben and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Howard asked for a nomination for the Vice-Chair position for the RMC. Mr. Barben made a motion to nominate Jim Snively to the position of Vice-Chair to the RMC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Dantzler reported on the upcoming 2019-20 financial and budget position of CRDF. CRDF received an \$8 million appropriation from the legislature. Of that \$8 million, \$2 million is incumbered with proviso language, which requires CRDF to spend those funds on large-scale field trials for new plantings. Mr. Dantzler reported that we will have an approximate funding total for FY 2019-20 in the amount of \$12.1 million. The breakdown of this funding includes:

- \$6 million in legislative appropriation
- \$2.1 million in box tax
- \$4 million is cash carried forward

Revenue obligated for FY 2019-20 is \$10.7 million:

- \$8 million in 49 existing contracts
- \$950,000 in office and field administration
- \$1,750,000 in desired balance carried forward

Revenue available for new contracts is \$1,288,490. The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) reviewed the 91 pre-proposals, and they are recommending 30 be invited for full proposal. Mr. Dantzler explained the breakdown of the costs for the 30 pre-proposals if funded as:

- The first-year cost of the 30 pre-proposals was \$3,131,000. The range was \$37,500 - \$200,000, for an average of \$105,000
- Number of proposals that could be funded based on an average first-year price of \$105,000 would be 12 proposals

Mr. Howard reminded the RMC that Dr. Michael Rogers asked at the April board meeting that the RMC be a little more diligent about our pre-proposal process, realizing that what we are asking for from the PIs is a significant amount of work, especially if their full proposal doesn't have much chance of being funded.

Mr. Dantzler gave a brief update from the MAC funding meeting. He received a list from USDA of proposals that will be receiving MAC funding, and some of the pre-proposals on our list of 91 are being funded by MAC. However, the funded proposals have not yet been made public at this time. Also, he reported that there are some proposals on the list that could potentially be considered for CRaFT.

Mr. Dantzler reported that he attended a meeting on Blackspot, and he anticipates that CRDF will be asked for some sort of request to help with funding for that, so he would like to have a little funding left in reserve for requests of this nature. He gave an update from the meeting, reporting that research is being done to determine the gaps and what needs to be done. Mr. Sherrod added additional details from the meeting on discussions about how to get out of quarantine, and the continuing spread of the disease and how to manage it.

Mr. Howard reported that the SAB had a telephonic meeting on May 6 to review and rank the 91 pre-proposals. The SAB has recommended 30 of the 91 be invited for full proposals. Mr. Howard led the RMC discussions and review of all 91 pre-proposals as ranked by the SAB and the RMC to determine which pre-proposals would be recommended to invite for full proposal. After reviewing each proposal, Mr. Howard reported a list of 27 pre-proposals that seemed to have sufficient support to be invited for full proposal. Mr. Simmons made a motion to recommend the 27 pre-proposals as presented and agreed by the RMC for invitation for full proposals to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snively and it passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown.