

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

**Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

A teleconference meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Chairman Pat Ouimet. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating, via Zoom teleconference, Bobby Barben, Steve Farr, Aaron Himrod, Sean McCoy, Juan Carlos Motamayor, Bob Newsome, Tom Obreza, Pat Ouimet, Wayne Simmons, Jim Snively, Buddy Strickland, and Forest Taylor.

Also participating were Rick Dantzler, Manjul Dutt, Steve Futch, Jim Graham, David Howard, Audrey Nowicki, Brandon Page, Jim Syvertsen, Deidra Whatley, and Janice Zale.

Dr. Ouimet opened the meeting with the review and approval of the minutes of the March 18, 2020 RMC meeting. Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snively and, without discussion, passed unanimously.

Dr. Ouimet asked Mr. Dantzler to provide a brief background of Project 18-007 and bring the Committee up to date on where the project stands upon completion of the three-month no-cost extension, which concluded February 29, 2020. Throughout the course of the extension Dr. Dutt used the balance of funding remaining in his year one budget. Currently, UF/IFAS CREC is subsidizing the project's costs until CRDF makes a decision regarding funding for years two and three. Mr. Dantzler spelled out four different scenarios for the Committee to consider while listening to Dr. Dutt's presentation.

Dr. Manjul Dutt made his presentation to the Committee on CRDF-funded Project 18-007, Investigating the Role of Transgenic Rootstock-Mediated Protection of Non-Transgenic Scion.

Upon completion of Dr. Dutt's presentation, Dr. Ouimet opened the floor for discussion. After discussion among the committee, Mr. Simmons moved to continue funding Project 18-007 through June 30, 2020. Before the motion could be seconded, Mr. McCoy questioned the funding timeline due the current restrictions placed upon UF/IFAS and CREC due to COVID-19. Further discussions ensued regarding research and funding timelines being pushed out, possibly another quarter to September 30, 2020, and in turn providing additional funding for the extension.

Dr. Ouimet asked Mr. Simmons if he would like to amend his previous motion or retract his motion. The recording clerk believes the motion was withdrawn but it was not clear. Nevertheless, it must have been because another motion was made, seconded and passed, as described below. Mr. McCoy spoke to Dr. Rogers' good faith effort in providing interim funding until CRDF made a decision on

continuation funding for years two and three. Mr. McCoy made a motion to recommend continued funding of Project 18-007 through September 30, 2020 to give the proof of concept more time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barben and, with no further discussion, the motion passed by a majority vote of thirteen to one.

Mr. Dantzler reported that the 2020 Nutrition RFP was posted on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. CRDF was asked to delay the launch date of the RFP to allow more time for those researchers in the process of applying for NIFA funding. The deadline for CRDF RFP submissions is May 15, 2020.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deidra Whatley