

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

**Minutes of the
Research Management Committee Meeting
Friday, June 12, 2020**

A Zoom teleconference meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Friday, June 12, 2020. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Pat Ouimet. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were Bobby Barben, Tim Dooley, Steve Farr, Aaron Himrod, Tom Obreza, Pat Ouimet, Joby Sherrod, Wayne Simmons, Jim Snively, Buddy Strickland, and Forest Taylor. Also participating were Rick Dantzler, Steve Futch, Jim Graham, Audrey Nowicki, Brandon Page, Jim Syvertsen, and Deidra Whatley.

Other participants were Rob Atchley, Mike Aerts, Kim Bowman, Gary England, Vasilios Fotopoulos, Fred Gmitter, Jude Grosser, David Howard, Alicia Hughes, John Paul, and Gee Roe.

Dr. Ouimet opened the meeting with the approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2020 RMC meeting. Mr. Snively made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and, without discussion, passed unanimously.

The next matter brought for discussion was the CRDF Phase Three Field Trial Concept. Mr. Dantzler gave a brief background on what led to the creation of the Phase Three Field Trial Concept. Mr. Howard directed the Committee's attention to the Rootstock Field Trial summary in the meeting materials and gave a brief review. Brandon Page then gave a power point presentation as an overview of the Phase Three Rootstock Trial for consideration of the Committee. Upon completion of Mr. Page's presentation, there was discussion regarding the similarities of the current proposal and past trials performed by CRDF. Mr. Howard stated he would like input from the Committee prior to seeking approval from the Board, to continue the discussion of the rootstock trial in greater detail, ultimately working towards a full proposal. Further discussion was had regarding scion and rootstock testing for potential largescale field trials. This matter was not an actionable item, but the consensus of the Committee, and there being no voiced opposition, was to recommend the advancement of the Phase Three Field Trial Concept to the CRDF Board of Directors for further discussion and consideration.

Dr. Ouimet moved on to the 2020 Nutrition RFP review. Prior to discussing the sixteen preproposals received, Mr. Dantzler and Dr. Ouimet reviewed the funding available for the 2020-21 fiscal year and various scenarios for funding.

Five preproposals had received a unanimous "yes" from reviewers to be considered for invitation of a full proposal: R. Ferrarezi, E. Johnson, R. Niedz, T. Vahsisth2 and N. Wang. There was no discussion regarding the unanimous yes preproposals and conversation moved on to the preproposals which had unanimous "no" votes.

The three preproposals with the unanimous "no" votes also did not generate any comments and were not recommended for invitation for full proposals from the Committee: A. Limayen, J. Yap and X. Zhang.

The remainder of the preproposals were split decisions among the SAB review panel and RMC Committee members. One by one, each was discussed, the Staff Summary was reviewed, and for each a vote taken whether to invite for a full proposal. Out of the split decision preproposals, an additional five were recommended to be invited for full proposals: D. Kadyampakeni, D. Kadyampakeni2, A. Levy, E. Triplett and T. Vahsisth1.

Three of the split decision projects were not recommended for invitation: R. Ferrarezi, Z. He and L. Rossi. Mr. Snively made a motion for recommendation to the Board of ten preproposals to be invited to submit a full proposal. The motion was seconded by Aaron Himrod, and with no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Deidra Whatley