

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the

Commercial Product Delivery Committee Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2020

A teleconference meeting of the Commercial Product Delivery Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, June 15, 2020. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chairman John Updike, Jr. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were Larry Black, Holly Chamberlain, Kelly Friend, Greg Hodges, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Brian Scully, Shannon Shepp, and John Updike. Also participating were Rob Atchley, Steve Futch, Jim Graham, David Howard, Audrey Nowicki, Pat Ouimet, Brandon Page, Jim Syvertsen, and Deidra Whatley.

Also present were Mike Aerts, Lauren Diepenbrock, Juanita Popenoe, and Gee Roe. Other callers were present on the line who did not identify themselves.

Mr. Black moved to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2020 CPDC meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chamberlain and, with no discussion, passed unanimously.

Mr. Updike began the meeting by introducing Dr. Lauren Diepenbrock. He explained that Dr. Diepenbrock had submitted an off-cycle proposal entitled “Developing near and long-term management strategies for Lebeck mealy bug in Florida citrus.” During the review of the proposal a list of questions had been asked and Mr. Updike and the Committee wanted to give Dr. Diepenbrock the opportunity to clarify areas within the proposal such as main objectives, budgeting, project length, major purchases, and staffing.

Dr. Diepenbrock had been given the list of questions prior to the meeting. Mr. Updike facilitated the meeting. Mr. Updike and Dr. Futch asked Dr. Diepenbrock each question, that had been submitted to her earlier, allowing her the opportunity to thoroughly answer. Upon completion, there was more discussion between Dr. Diepenbrock and Committee members.

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Dr. Diepenbrock excused herself from the meeting and the Committee members continued the discussion. A topic of particular interest was funding for a vehicle for use by Dr. Diepenbrock and her team. Several suggestions were made but no definitive solution was decided upon. Mr. Black made a motion that a recommendation for approval of the project be sent to the Board, with the hope that Dr. Mastrodicasa or the Center could identify a better way to handle the vehicle component before it gets to the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scully. No further discussion was had, and the motion was passed by a majority vote with one abstention.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deidra Whatley