

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2020

A teleconference meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, November 23, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman David Howard. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Executive Committee members present were Rob Atchley, Larry Black, Rick Dantzler, David Howard, Ron Mahan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, and John Updike. Also participating were Ned Hancock, Audrey Nowicki, and Deidra Whatley.

Mr. Howard entertained a motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes from August 12, 2020 as presented. A motion to approve was made by Ron Mahan and seconded by John Updike. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard turned the floor over to Mr. Dantzler to discuss Amendment No. 3 to the Bayer contract. Mr. Dantzler reported that since CRDF was awarded NIFA funding of the Bayer Crop Science project, effective September 1, 2020, Amendment No. 3 was needed to reflect the reduced July-December 2020 bridge funding. The amendment outlined the disposition of the bridge funding overpayment, as well as the schedule of payments going forward under the NIFA sub-award funding the project. Mr. Mahan moved to recommend approval of Amendment 3 to the Bayer contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black, and with no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dantzler continued with discussion of new Board membership. No formal action was necessary by the Committee. Discussion reinforced that the nominating entities would be totally independent, but that consultation with CRDF was not out of line.

Mr. Dantzler noted that FCM invoiced the Foundation \$3,000.00 to advertise and coordinate the Peptide Seminar co-hosted by CRDF and Florida Citrus Mutual on November 18, 2020. Mr. Black moved to pay the Florida Citrus Mutual invoice in the amount of \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jeanna and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dantzler reviewed the proposed CRAFT Contract language requested by Ms. Carlson for Program Year Two. It was discussed that the dollar amounts would have to be adjusted to account for the 8.5% holdback and the contract revised accordingly. There was also discussion regarding the potential for additional funding to fund meritorious projects to meet the \$3 million appropriation and acreage goals.

Mr. Dantzler noted that Larry Black is a member of the Bayer Oversight Committee. While his term on the Board ends December 31, 2020, he is willing to remain on the Bayer Oversight Committee, which he has been a part of since its inception. Mr. Black agreed to continue his role on the Bayer Oversight Committee for continuity, and there were no objections from the Committee.

Dr. Catherine Hatcher, on behalf of PepsiCo, has requested raw data from previous CRDF Field Trials. Pepsico offered payment for the data; after discussion, the Committee decided not to require payment for the data. In the alternative, CRDF Staff and PepsiCo would work out details concerning a payment from Pepsico towards a specific project such as the CRDF Phase III Rootstock Trials at a later date.

Mr. Dantzer reported that Jim Snively would be leaving the Research Management Committee at the end of 2020. Also, there was discussion of Board of Directors meetings in 2021, when and where to schedule in-person meetings to accommodate social distancing, and the possibility of a Board retreat.

With no further business or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Deidra Whatley