

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the

Research Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020

A Zoom teleconference meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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, Daniel Scott, Joby Sherrod, Wayne Simmons, Jim Snively, Buddy Strickland, and Forest Taylor. Also participating were Rob Atchley, Rick Dantzler, Bill Dawson, Jim Graham, David Howard, Audrey Nowicki, John Updike, Rosa Walsh, Deidra Whatley, and Janice Zale.

Dr. Ouimet opened the meeting with the approval of the minutes of the August 21, 2020 RMC meeting. Mr. Snively made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farr and, without discussion, passed unanimously.

Dr. Dutt's project was brought for consideration of continuation of funding. Mr. Dantzler summarized the status of project 18-007, noting the No Cost Extension expired September 30, 2020 and a request for a second extension on current funding that would run through the end of the 2020 calendar year was received. Dr. Dutt had also submitted a request for funding of Year 3 of this project. Dr. Graham reported on Dr. Dutt's scientific progress on the objectives. The Committee discussed the merit of the progress and potential benefit of the project to growers. Dr. Dutt's total funding request is \$194,000.00. Mr. Strickland moved to fund the remainder of Year Two and fund Year Three of project 18-007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snively, and with no more discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Dr. Dutt's off-cycle proposal titled "Understanding the role of systemic acquired resistance (SAR) in enhancing tolerance to HLB in the Parson Brown sweet orange". Dr. Dawson gave a scientific synopsis of the proposal and the objectives of the project. The Committee discussed old and new lines of clones from the original budwood and how gene sequencing could help determine the ones that offered the most commercial potential. Dr. Ouimet offered for PepsiCo, through Corteva, to pay for the sequencing of the genome for Parsons Brown and make it public to the industry to ensure a specific line that is exhibiting tolerance is isolated, kept, and propagated. Mr. Barben moved to advance the project, with improvement on experiment design and focus, to the Board for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Snively and with no further discussion was passed unanimously.

Finally, Mr. Dantzler explained CRDF's option to exercise its non-exclusive rights to maintain access to the canker resistant tree developed by the 2Blades Foundation. No action was necessary at this time by the Committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Deidra Whatley