

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Mr. Howard initiated the discussion of peptide studies. Mr. Updike noted that he would like the committee to participate in upcoming roundtable discussions that were being planned with Dr. Dawson prior to the next Board meeting so they are better informed. Mr. Dantzler said CRDF staff was attempting to ascertain information from the peptide companies on whether their products work as advertised and how: by injection, CTV, spraying or genomic alteration. He reported that he has discussed these matters with several companies. Mr. Dantzler noted a request for a Letter of Support to the EPA on behalf of Elemental Enzymes, which the Executive Committee endorsed sending the letter.

Mr. Dantzler reported that Staff has continued to monitor compounds showing efficacy against HLB other than peptides to run the hairy root assay on, including one which was part of a proposal submitted through the 2020 Nutrition RFP.

Governance Committee: Governance Committee had not met.

Prior to the conclusion of the Committee reports, Mr. Howard requested an addition to the Executive Committee minutes under #11 which included the recommendation to provide a letter of support to Elemental Enzymes for their application for a use permit. Mr. Mahan moved to approve the Executive Committee Minutes with the two noted changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilbert and, after brief discussion, passed unanimously.

COO Report: Mr. Dantzler reported that CRDF has not yet been notified whether the NIFA pre-application is being invited to submit a full proposal.

Partnerships: Dr. Gilbert mentioned that the Dean for Extension candidates' seminar was taking place on March 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. The Horticulture Chair interviews had concluded and a decision is forthcoming.

Extension Agent Report: None.

New Business/Public Comments: None.

Future CRDF Meetings: CRDF Board of Directors Meeting, Tues., April 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at Lake Placid Governance Center, Lake Placid, FL.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Minutes submitted by John Updike, Secretary.