



NOTICE OF A MEETING
OF THE
CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
RESEARCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – 10:00 AM

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the [Jack Stroup Civic Center, 355 W Center Ave, Sebring, FL 33870](#).

We are not planning on having zoom capability, so we look forward to seeing you in person.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Foundation at least 72 hours in advance by contacting Barbara Thompson by phone at 863-956-8817 or by email at bat@citrusrdf.org.

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AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- C. Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2025, RMC Meeting *
- D. Discussion and recommendations on six (6) preproposals received in response to the Juvenility RFP *
 - 1. K. Bowman – Manipulating Juvenility-Associated Tolerance to Increase Profitability of Sweet Orange
 - 2. C. El Mohtar – Combining Citrus tristeza virus vector and transgenic approaches to break juvenility in citrus
 - 3. A. Huo – Accelerating Citrus Maturation Through Transgene-Free CRISPR Editing of Flowering Repressor Genes
 - 4. N. Killiny – Accelerating Tree Maturity from the Juvenile Phase through Integrated Genetic, Hormonal, and Environmental Strategies
 - 5. H. Lu – Manipulating the FLK pathway to accelerate flowering time in citrus
 - 6. N. Wang – Shorten the juvenility of non-transgenic Eds1 and Dmr6 edited citrus
- E. Discussion and recommendations of Directed Research Proposals:
 - 1. F. Alferez #25-006 ‘Optimizing the use of individual protective covers and therapeutical materials to effectively protect young citrus trees against HLB’ *
 - 2. S. Santra #25-007 ‘Novel trunk injection carriers for improving OTC and Zn distribution in HLB affected citrus trees’ *
- F. Presentations
 - 1. L. Diepenbrock #22-014 ‘Developing management for Bulimulus bonariensis snails in Florida citrus’ – year 3 funding request \$100,134
- G. Other Business
 - 1. Peptide with claimed efficacy against HLB
- H. Public Comments
- I. Adjournment

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