# CITY OF REDLANDS CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION Meeting of April 12, 2022 MINUTES

## 1. Call to order at 4:01 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair

Roger Hardy Rolland Moore Bill Oesterlein Heather Ross Mark Shaw Jack Steward

City Council:

FCS Staff: Zach LaBonte, Tricia Swope

Farming/Packing companies: Jim Layes

Guests: Dennis Bell, Iris Chu

2. Public Comments: None

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Moore motioned to accept March 8, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Steward motioned to second.

# 4. Status Reports

- A. Packinghouse report: Villa Park picked the regular navels and hope to finish by end of week. Lots of scarring on fruit from jibbing. Next week move into late navels. Interest in Valencias and look good. (Japanese orders for 88/72/56s). House will start regular Valencias middle of next month. Grapefruit pricing should go up and interest will continue to increase (and pricing too)
- B. Farming report by John Gless: John not present
- C. Facilities & Community Services report: Spring treatment of ACP spray for next 2 weeks. Draft budget and balanced budget for next two years. First year budgeting 2 years in a row. Including a dedicated 3<sup>rd</sup> grove worker. Purchasing new filters for Mullen Grove and Lugonia.
- D. Individual Commissioner Reports: no issues.

#### 5. Old Business

- A. Review of Citrus Division Fund balance (attachment C). We are at balance, close to the same as last year. Any shortfall would come from Palmetto Grove fund.
- B. Report from subcommittee for items related to private commercial groves. Commissioner Ross sent out email subcommittees thoughts and recommendation. Will resend for follow-up.

## 6. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding annual report to the City Council
- B. Commissioners terming out and reappointments
  Roger Hardy, Bill Oesterlein, Marc Shaw wanted to be reappointed

# 7. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A. Presence of City Council representation and Chris Boatman present to discuss developments with England Estate Grove

- B. Vote on type of citrus variety for Lugonia replanting bid.
- C. Farm Bureau Executive Director (Maggie O'Neill) to make presentation in March or April meeting. San Bernardino ACP task force new AG Commissioner (Angela) to give quick update. (grower list for citrus)
- D. Request to have Commissioner Day present Annual Report on April 19, 2022 to City Council.
- E. Regular Presence of City Council at Citrus Commission Meetings
- F. Election of Citrus Preservation Chair
- 8. 5:12 pm Adjournment to April 12, 2022 meeting at Council Chambers