



**MINUTES**  
**Project Management Committee**  
**Special Meeting**  
**January 9, 2024**  
***Virtual***

**MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**Action Item:**

- **Action Item (Baron):** Reach out to CLC Member Mike Aerts, representative of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association to discuss this request for assistance.
- **Action Item (Baron):** Proceed with modifying the Biopesticide Regulatory database.

**Members:**

Jerry Baron; IR-4 Executive Director  
Liwei Gu; Regional Director-SOR  
Matt Hengel; Regional Director-WR/PMC Chair  
Mary Hausbeck; Regional Director – NCR  
Todd Scholz; CLC Chair  
Alvin Simmons; USDA-ARS  
Simon Zebelo; Regional Director – NER

**Staff:**

Deborah Carpenter; IR-4 HQ

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1:00 pm EST to 2:00 pm EST**

-- Dr. Matt Hengel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM --

2) Discussion of Biopesticide Regulatory Support Program (Baron)

- Dr. Baron provided a background regarding a request from the Florida grower group – Citrus Research and Development Foundation to provide regulatory assistance to Soilcea in regards to CRISPR technologies to manage citrus greening.
- A discussion was held regarding the request, if Florida Grower groups supported this technology.
- **Action Item (Baron):** Reach out to CLC Member Mike Aerts, representative of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association to discuss this request for assistance.
- Dr. Baron reported that at a prior PMC meeting there was discussion about updating and making improvements to the Biopesticide Regulatory database.
- A discussion was held regarding the importance of access to that data and of maintaining it in an updated way.
- **Action Item (Baron):** Proceed with modifying the Biopesticide Regulatory database.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.**