

# CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

February 24, 2015

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Ben Hill Griffin Hall, Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President Tom Jerkins. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board members present were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr.; Dr. Mary Duryea; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Dr. Joe Joyce; Mr. Ricke Kress; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Bob Stambaugh. Mr. Larry Black, Dr. Lisa Conti and Mr. Hugh Thompson were absent. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Mike Sparks; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Dr. Tom Turpen (telephone).

Also in attendance were: Ms. Sarah Anderson; Mr. Aeden Dowling; Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone); Ms. Brandi Goller; Ms. Mary Hartney; Dr. Alec Hayes (telephone); Ms. LeAnna Himrod (telephone); Mr. Matt Joyner; Dr. Susan Logue (telephone); Mr. Ernie Neff; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Dr. Michael Rogers; Ms. Shelley Rossetter; Ms. Shannon Shepp (telephone); Mr. Jason Stanley; Ms. Callie Walker; Dr. Rosa Walsh; and Mr. Mitchell Willis..

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Mr. Davis, the motion passed unanimously.

**Finance and Audit Committee:** Ms. Goller reviewed the January 2015 financial summary. Dr. Browning reported the on-site operational audit of CRDF's business processes and controls by the UF Office of Internal Audit is being re-scheduled to March 25-26.

**Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters:** Mr. Sparks provided an update on the status of legislative funding for the upcoming fiscal year, indicating that the state legislative funding to support HLB research continues to move forward. He also updated the board on federal meetings to discuss and provide feedback to the USDA funding support for HLB.

**Governance Committee:** Chairman Bob Stambaugh reported that the committee met on February 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Board's evaluation of the COO, as required by UF. Mr. Stambaugh made a motion that the Board report to UF that Dr. Browning's evaluation as COO 'Exceeds' expectations. Seconded by Mr. Kress, the motion passed unanimously.

**Research Management Committee:** Chairman Bobby Barben gave an update on the CRDF-funded Research Projects ending by June 30, 2015 and the NuPsyllid Team meeting that was held February 8, 2015. Dr. Turpen reported that the PI's with projects ending have been contacted and pre-proposals are forthcoming. A March RMC meeting will address the next steps in continuing critical projects.

**Commercial Product Delivery Committee:** Chairman Ben McLean reported the committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Dr. Slinski reported she and Dr. Browning will meet with the EPA and AgroSource. They met with NuFarm to review the revised project proposals approved at the January Board meeting, and discussed terms of the agreement that would be satisfactory to all parties, with the intent that the project start on time this spring.

Dr. Browning updated the Board on the status of the Knowledge Mapping recommendations on organizational matters and next steps.

Dr. Browning reported there are 25 projects in the CPD portfolio that end by June 30, 2015 and have been recommended for continuation. There will be a CPD meeting in March to discuss all projects moving forward and review any pre-proposals for recommendation to continue.

**Industry Research Coordinating Committee:** Chairman Wayne Simmons had nothing to report.

**COO Report:** Dr. Browning reported that he made a presentation to the Senate Agriculture Committee February 2, 2015, no other requests have been made by them.

He also commented that over 500 scientists attended the IRCHLB Conference, providing a great opportunity for interaction. While significant progress was reported, no new ideas on managing HLB were presented. The follow-up Grower Day is scheduled for March 12, 2015 at UF, IFAS, CREC Ben Hill Griffin Hall in Lake Alfred.

**New Business:** The citrus industry Research Box Tax referendum expires in 2016. It was not immediately known when the referendum will take place, but an update will be reported on at the next meeting.

**Future CRDF Meetings:**

RMC, Finance and Audit Committee, CPDC, and Governance Committee meetings – TBD  
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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin