

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

February 25, 2014

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Ben Hill Griffin Hall, Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm 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. Bob Stambaugh; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Mr. Larry Black, Dr. Lisa Conti and Mr. Wayne Simmons were absent. Also participating were: Dr. Calvin Arnold; Dr. Harold Browning; Ms. Barbara Carlton; Mr. Greg Carlton; Mr. Peter Chaires; Dr. Jim Dukowitz; Mr. David Howard; Ms. Diane Johnson; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Dr. Taw Richardson; Ms. Shannon Shepp; Mr. David Steele; and Dr. Tom Turpen.

There was one edit to the minutes of January 28, 2014. The motion for the ISCA agreement was seconded by Mr. Davis, not Mr. McClure. Dr. Joyce moved to accept the Minutes of the January 28, 2014 Board of Directors meeting as modified. Seconded by Mr. Newlin, the motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman Hugh Thompson reviewed the January 2014 financial summary. Dr. Browning presented estimates for some components of the FY2014-15 budget. Because of the uncertainty of crop size for the remainder of this season and for next season, and the unknown impact from the funding of the Farm Bill, available revenue and projected expense are expected to be less than the 2013-14 fiscal year budget.

Governance Committee Chairman Bob Stambaugh requested that Dr. Browning, Dr. Turpen and Dr. Dukowitz leave the room during this discussion. Mr. Stambaugh reported that the annual evaluation of the COO has been completed. With the additional responsibilities of the MAC committee and the need to ramp up commercial product development, the committee will request Dr. Browning to develop a restructuring plan for CRDF to allow for the COO position to address higher level needs of the foundation. Mr. Stambaugh made a motion that Dr. Browning receive an evaluation stating that he exceeds expectations. Seconded by Mr. Davis, the motion passed unanimously.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Chairman Ben McLean reported on the Commercial Product Delivery meeting held earlier in the day. The budget approved for TPR has been exceeded due to the ACP pesticide/pollinator safety issues and the expanded activity on potential label changes. Mr. McLean made a motion to recommend approval of an increase in the TPR budget of \$15,000 for the current year. Seconded by Mr. Newlin, the motion and passed unanimously.

The proposed budget for the UF, IFAS trial administrator was discussed. The budget details fall within the budget approved earlier in the year. Total funding for the 18 month period is \$331,466 with \$118,716 planned for the remainder of FY 2013-14. The first year budget includes purchase of a vehicle for travel to field sites across the state. Mr. McLean made a motion to recommend approval for a budget of \$331,466 for the trial administrator position for an 18-month period. Seconded by Mr. Davis, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McLean reported on discussion at the CPDC and made a motion to request Dr. Arnold and Dr. Burns to develop a proposal for evaluation of grower citrus blocks that are exhibiting success in the face of HLB. Seconded by Mr. Kress, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dukowitz gave a brief monthly update which included the EPA meeting he attended in Washington in January. The EPA meeting is one of three EPA meetings that CRDF has participated in since the January Board meeting.

Research Management Committee: Chairman Bobby Barben reported on the SAB meeting on January 29th thru January 31st and the RMC meeting held February 18, 2014. With 46 full proposals submitted 28 projects were recommended to be funded. Mr. Barben made a motion to fund the 28 proposals recommended by RMC. Seconded by Mr. Davis, the motion passed unanimously.

Industry Research Coordinating Committee: Dr. Browning reported that the 2012 list of citrus research priorities have been sent out to the IRC committee. The committee is working to update the industry research priorities and hope to have the Gaps analysis completed by April or May.

Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters: With Mr. Sparks in Washington, there was nothing to report at this time.

COO Report: Dr. Browning had nothing to report at this time.

New Business: There was no new business to report.

Future CRDF Meetings:

- Board of Directors meeting – March 25, 2014 9:30 am.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin