A Meeting of the Governance Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at the University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Ben Hill Griffin Hall, in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Chairman Ricke Kress and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Ned Hancock; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; and Mr. Jerry Newlin. Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa did not participate. Dr. Harold Browning, Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr. and Mr. Wayne Simmons also participated. Ms. Brandy Brown and Ms. Brandi Goller were in attendance.

Mr. Hancock moved to accept the minutes of the August 31, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newlin and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress gave reviewed the status of the UF Indirect Cost (IDC) topic from the August 31 meeting. Given approval from the Board to accept the UF IDC policy, there was discussion by the committee on how this action should be implemented. Mr. Jerkins made a motion for continuing the Foundation’s current IDC policy that CRDF does not pay IDC cost, with the exception of UF. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously. This means that no new policy will be communicated, and if challenged, the special case with University of Florida will be supported as an affiliate organization that provides support services to CRDF at considerable cost.

The agenda topic of CRDF staffing and the evolution of responsibilities of the COO was discussed, with aid from the background provided in the materials. The focus of the discussion was how CRDF can continue to push towards coordination of research results and facilitation of delivery to growers. Needs for further support to project managers and more direct interaction with growers to determine what practices are being implemented and how they are impacting citrus health were identified. Mr. Kress presented a motion, in line with a management succession process, to develop, identify and implement a process and candidate to manage operational functions and support of CRDF Project Managers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown