

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

June 14, 2017

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 in the Calusa Room of the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Tom Jerkins. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board members present were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Larry Black; Dr. Jackie Burns; Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Mr. Ned Hancock; Dr. Greg Hodges; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa; Mr. Ben McLean (telephone); Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson.

Others in attendance were: Dr. Tim Anglea; Mr. Mark Banky; Mr. John Barben; Mr. Kevin Barley; Mr. Mike Barry; Mr. Glen Beck; Mr. Dan Botts; Ms. Brandy Brown; Dr. Harold Browning; Ms. Kristen Carlson; Mr. Dan Casper; Mr. Joe Craig; Mr. Aedan Dowling; Dr. James Dukowitz; Mr. Tim Eyrich; Mr. Rick Freeman; Ms. Brandi Goller; Mr. David Haller; Mr. Ron Hamel; Mr. Michael Harowitz; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Ms. Leanna Himrod; Mr. Clay Hollis; Mr. Justin Hood; Mr. Bruce Ingram; Mr. Lee Jones; Mr. Bill Lennon; Mr. Bill Lewin; Mr. Bo Meador; Mr. Paul Meador; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Ms. Audrey Nowicki (telephone); Dr. Patricia Ouimet; Mr. Mike Prescott; Mr. Taw Richardson; Ms. Shannon Shepp; Dr. Eric Simonne; Mr. Dan Skousen; Mr. Ron Skousen; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; Mr. Emery Smith; Mr. Justin Smith (telephone); Mr. Steve Smith; Ms. Olivia Sneifer; Mr. Jim Snively; Mr. Mike Sparks; Ms. Sonia Tighe; Mr. Wade Timpner; Dr. Tom Turpen; Mr. Eric Waldo; and Ms. Callie Walker.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Finance and Audit Committee: Vice Chairman Mr. Black reviewed the May 2017 Financial Summary and Accompanying Statements. Mr. Hancock moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning introduced Mr. Michael Harowitz with Certis USA, who presented a donation for \$22,000 to CRDF.

Dr. Browning reviewed the CRDF 2017-18 Operational Contracts and Renewal Agreements. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the CRDF 2017-18 Operational Contracts and Renewal Agreement as presented. The motion was second by Mr. Kress and passed unanimously.

Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters: Mr. Mike Sparks of Florida Citrus Mutual gave an update on Legislative and funding issues.

Governance Committee: Chairman Mr. Kress reported that the committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss Board of Directors term limits, asking Mr. Mike Sparks of Florida Citrus Mutual and Ms. Shannon Shepp of the Florida Department of Citrus to weigh in on their organization's positions concerning the topic. Mr. Sparks and Ms. Shepp recommended retaining the current by-laws.

Mr. Kress introduced a revision to the by-laws establishing Board of Directors Emeritus status recommended by the Governance committee. Mr. Kress made a motion to approve the emeritus status with revisions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress gave a recruiting status update of the Senior Program Manager position.

Dr. Mastrodicasa discussed Senate Bill 374, lines 2578-2631 relating to university direct-support organization, pending signature by the Governor, <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/374/BillText/er/HTML>. Dr. Mastrodicasa will update the committee once the bill is signed and the University of Florida, Board of Trustees have met to discuss.

Research Management Committee: Chairman Mr. Barben gave an update on the Plant Improvement meetings on Rootstocks and Scions presented by UF/IFAS and USDA/ARS. Dr. Hatcher and Dr. Browning discussed long-term goals and suggested follow up.

Dr. Turpen presented a brief program manager report.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Chairman Mr. McLean reported the committee had not met.

Mr. Hancock gave a Grower Experience Forensics update.

COO Report: Dr. Browning discussed the National Academy of Science CRDF Portfolio Review and upcoming meetings.

Future CRDF Meetings: Board of Directors Meeting – July 25, 2017 at 9:30 am

President Mr. Jerkins acknowledged TIG for their role with CRDF.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown