

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**Minutes of Closed Executive Committee Meeting**  
**August 22, 2017**

A closed meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Ben Hill Griffin Hall, in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chairman Tom Jerkins. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Executive Committee members present were: Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa (telephone); Mr. Jerry Newlin; and Mr. Hugh Thompson (telephone). Mr. Larry Black, Dr. Harold Browning, Mr. Joe Davis, Jr., Mr. Ned Hancock, and Mr. Wayne Simmons also participated.

The agenda item involving new CVRDF board appointees was discussed, with Rick Kress, Chair of Governance sharing the appointment information with the Executive Committee as found in the Board of Directors materials distributed for the August 22, 2017 Board meeting. Discussion ensued on how to actively engage these board appointees prior to their formal seating on the board in January 2018. Thoughts included encouraging board appointees to attend committee and board meetings, as well as to make themselves available for appointment to CRDF committees in the interim period.

The COO presented the steps associated with orientation for new board members, and answered questions as to the process that led to appointment of the new members. Mr. John Updike was appointed by the Florida Citrus Commission, while Mr. Charlie Lykes and Mr. David Howard were appointed by the Florida Citrus Mutual Board of Directors. Arrangements were described by the COO whereby new board appointees would be provided CRDF organizational background documents and would begin receiving board materials.

The final conversation surrounded providing background information on the CRDF board and sitting board members to the appointing organizations (FCC and FCM) as they consider the next round of new appointments to CRDF Board in about 12 months.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

Minutes submitted by Harold Browning