

**CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 21, 2018**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the U.S. Horticultural Research Lab in Fort Pierce, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Larry Black. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board members present were: Mr. Rob Atchley; Mr. Larry Black; Dr. Jackie Burns; Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Mr. Ned Hancock; Dr. Greg Hodges; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Charlie Lykes; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa (telephone); Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin; and Mr. John Updike. Mr. Ricke Kress did not participate. Also participating were: Mr. Doug Bournique; Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Brian Scully; and Mr. Mike Sparks.

Also in attendance were: Ms. Brandy Brown (telephone), Mr. Aedan Dowling (telephone); Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone); Dr. Catherine Hatcher (telephone); Dr. Alec Hayes (telephone); Dr. Danielle Larochelle (telephone); Mr. Andrew Meadows (telephone); Dr. Pat Ouimet (telephone); Mr. Tom Stopyra; Ms. Callie Walker; and Dr. Lisa Weaver.

Mr. Hancock moved to accept the Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean. Mr. Black requested to amend the minutes to correct typographical errors and the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

**Executive Committee:** Chairman Larry Black updated the board on the interaction with UF, IFAS and advised the Board that he invited Dr. Payne to meet with the board at the March 27, 2018 meeting or as soon as possible at his convenience.

**Finance and Audit Committee:** Chairman Ned Hancock reviewed the Financial Summary for the period ending January 31, 2018. A correction to the notes was noted. Mr. Hancock made a motion to approve the corrected January 2018 financial summary. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning discussed the early development of FY2018-19 Operating Budget and reported discussion with Treasurer Hancock regarding the need to include greater communication in FY 2018-19 budget planning. There was discussion regarding establishment of a CRDF Communication Planning Subcommittee to investigate and offer recommendations on improved communication to industry, elected officials and other stakeholders. This Subcommittee will be established during March to begin discussions.

**Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters:** Mr. Mike Sparks gave an update on Legislative and funding issues, indicating that the Legislature was moving forward with citrus priorities, including the CRDF request. Brief discussion noted language in the legislative authorization that would encourage greater communication of CRDF progress and another item which addressed the payment of indirect expenses associated with contracted research.

**Governance Committee:** Dr. Browning discussed the upcoming BoD meetings locations and dates, and indicated that the schedule of rotating alternate month board meetings had been completed.

**Research Management Committee:** Chairman David Howard reported on the RMC grower input discussion for 2018 CATP program, and presented plans for RMC to meet in March to synthesize results of stakeholder input.

**Commercial Product Delivery Committee:** Chairman Ben McLean reported on two items for consideration from the January 23, 2018 CPDC meeting.

Chairman McLean reviewed the consulting proposal for Dr. George Sundin to support bactericide monitoring data emerging from CRDF-funded fieldwork (#17-006C Triplett). CPDC recommended approval of consultation in 2018 not to exceed \$7,000 to cover billable hours and approved travel. Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the consulting proposal for Dr. George Sundin. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Mr. McLean also reviewed the new proposal #18-001C, Grosser, requesting Field Trial Support for a new field trial of rootstocks/scion combination. Earlier consideration by CPDC led to this proposal being invited. This project proposes cooperation from 3 funding organizations over 5 years and requests \$25,000 a year for 3 years from CRDF. CPDC recommended deferring this proposal to the 2018 formal RFP, since no requests for funding are being considered until that time. Mr. McLean made a motion to defer the proposal to the formal RFP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

**COO Report:**

A brief presentation was made by Doug Bournique from the Indian River Citrus League. He reported that several projects were being envisioned to advise grapefruit growers in the region on best plant materials to be considered for planting, and detailed two efforts to test new grapefruit material in field trials and in grower plantings.

**Future CRDF Meetings:** The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2018 in Lake Alfred.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin, Secretary.