

3CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting August 28, 2018

A meeting of the Governance Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Architectural Center in Sebring, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Ricke Kress. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Larry Black, Mr. Ned Hancock, Mr. Ricke Kress, Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Mr. Jerry Newlin. Mr. Dan Casper, Mr. Rick Dantzler, Mr. Ron Hamel, Mr. Mike Sparks, Mr. John Updike and Ms. Audrey Nowicki participated.

Mr. Black moved to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mastrodicasa and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hancock moved to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress summarized the process followed in selecting Mr. Dantzler for the COO position: Governance COO Search and Screen Committee met on July 31, 2018 for the purpose of reviewing the final three (3) COO candidate applications. Full agreement of committee that all qualifications were insufficient for the COO position.

Upon completion of the COO Search and Screen process, Chairman Kress requested interim COO Arthington and CRDF staff to review and document with UF, total COO search process to ensure that all UF requirements were satisfied and documented. Arthington reported that review completed and as required.

Mr. Kress discussed August 7-8, 2018 Systems Approach to HLB Research Funding meeting in Ft. Pierce, FL. The purpose of meeting was to discuss the recommendation made by the 2018 National Academy of Sciences study on HLB research for all the HLB research funding agencies “to develop a fresh systems approach to HLB research prioritization and strategic distribution of resources for research leading to effective HLB management.” Major themes, goals for collaboration, gaps to be addressed and next steps were reviewed. A final report is in draft stage and will be available for circulation in near future. A key point from CRDF perspective is that Florida is willing to improve communication and collaboration, but not at the expense of impacting HLB disease solutions.

The Committee discussed the current status of bactericides and recent industry reports. CRDF has been in the process of conducting industry surveys on utilization of bactericides. There is a process in place to assess the compilation of all data and conditions. Staff will continue to coordinate the

review of industry data, maintain the autonomy of CRDF data plus any other industry data from other sources as available and willing to share.

Mr. Kress discussed the current process to assess Conflicts of Interest and will continue to work closely with staff to develop and provide all details related to the Conflict of Interest process to new CRDF Board and Committee members timely.

Mr. Kress directed Staff to schedule a meeting in advance of the September Board of Directors meeting and engage Mike Ford of UF to present and schedule a meeting in advance of September Board of Directors meeting for the purpose of a current review of all Sunshine Law requirements related to the CRDF.

In collaboration with the California Research Board, CRDF will be involved with the development and participation in upcoming citrus research related industry meetings:

- Riverdale, MD., October 3-5, 2018 - Workshop on the US regulatory system for biotech-derived crops; provide general overviews of various aspects of the regulatory process.
- Denver, CO., October 24-26, 2018 – Meeting to facilitate interstate movement of citrus research materials primarily focusing on HLB.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Minutes submitted by A. Nowicki