

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

January 22, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the UF-IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, Ben Hill Griffin Hall, Room 103 in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. Board member David Howard called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Board members present were: Mr. Rob Atchley, Mr. Bobby Barben, Mr. Ned Hancock, Dr. Greg Hodges, Mr. David Howard, Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Mr. Jerry Newlin, Mr. Bob Newsome, Dr. Tom Obreza, Dr. Pat Ouimet and Mr. John Updike, Jr. Members that were absent were: Mr. Larry Black and Mr. Charlie Lykes. Also participating were: Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Rick Dantzler, Dr. Stephen Futch, Dr. Jim Graham, Ms. Audrey Nowicki, Dr. Michael Rogers, Mr. Mike Sparks and Dr. Jim Syvertsen.

Also, in attendance were: Dr. Ute Albrecht, Mr. Tim Eyrich, Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone), Mr. Gee Roe, Dr. Fred Gmitter, Mr. Mike Irely (telephone), Mr. Cody Lastinger, Mr. Andrew Meadows (telephone), Mr. Brandon Page, Mr. Bill Poulton, Dr. Stephanie Slinski (telephone) and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Howard opened the meeting by welcoming the new board members Mr. Newsome, Dr. Obreza and Dr. Ouimet, as well as Mr. Barben who is serving out Mr. Kress's term, and asked each to introduce themselves, which they did.

Mr. Howard presented the board minutes from the December 11, 2018 meeting. Mr. Hancock moved to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Updike and it passed unanimously.

Executive Committee: Mr. Rick Dantzler reported the Executive Committee has not met.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman Ned Hancock reviewed the December 31, 2018 Financial Summary and indicated that billings to FDACS for project costs have shifted to utilization of the Box Tax Funds for the duration of FY 2018-19; once those funds are exhausted, CRDF will fund the remaining projects with reserve funds. Mr. Updike made a motion to approve the December 31, 2018 summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hodges and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hancock gave an update on the current status of the CRDF website. We are continuing to move forward with Frankel Media Group, and he believes the end product is going to turn out very good. The anticipated launch of the re-designed website has been pushed to May 2019.

Mr. Hancock gave a brief update on the disposition of the UF Survey. CRDF is terminating the current contract with UF, and has asked Mike Sparks, Florida Citrus Mutual (FCM), to assist with a more concise survey for the growers. Mr. Dantzler reviewed the history of the survey and why it

had become problematic. He also discussed the financial impact of the survey, including what it would cost to end it. He added that FCM had agreed to complete the survey for CRDF.

Governance Committee: Chairman John Updike, Jr. reported that the Governance Committee met January 16 to discuss the COO reviews by the board and probation status. Following the meeting he met with Mr. Dantzler and reviewed the comments made by the Board and that it was recommended that UF end Mr. Dantzler's probation period. Mr. Atchley made a motion to advise UF to end Mr. Dantzler probation period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newlin and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Updike reported the committee has received all the new board members' conflict of interest (COI) forms, and Mr. Newsome was the only form with a declaration. After reviewing Mr. Newsome's COI form, it was found that he has no conflict. Mr. Updike also reminded the board members that during the year if they have a status change that could be considered a potential conflict to please update their form and send it to the CRDF office for review by the Governance Committee. In March 2019, the FY 2019-20 COI forms will go out, so please be watching your email for those to be updated and submitted.

Research Management Committee: Chairman David Howard reported the committee has not met since the last board meeting. However, the committee is beginning the RFP process and timeline for the upcoming year and will be scheduling a meeting in February for further discussions.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Mr. Howard reported that CPDC will be scheduling a meeting in February to appoint a Chairperson and a Category 2 member (UF Rep) to the committee.

Dr. Syvertsen gave a presentation on the Bactericide Survey Report that was completed last summer. This report was included in materials and will be posted to the CRDF website.

COO Report: Mr. Dantzler gave an update on the Transformation Labs Review Panel. Dr. Ralph Scorza, who has served on CRDF's Scientific Advisory Board the last few years, has agreed to chair the committee. Dr. Scorza has provided recommendations for additional committee members, as has Dr. Rogers and Dr. Hatcher.

The new Research Director position has been posted on the UF job search, and will be advertised for two weeks, with an opportunity to extend if necessary. Mr. Dantzler suggested that if anyone at the meeting knew of a potential candidate who would be interested to please forward the advertisement to them.

Mr. Dantzler provided additional information on the RFP that Mr. Howard discussed earlier, reporting that he and others pulled together a document for the RMC and CPDC to react to.

Mr. Dantzler reported that he, Mr. Black and Dr. Graham will be in California next week for a Bayer Steering Committee Meeting to get a progress update on the Bayer project. They will have a progress update for the Board in February. Bayer has advised they will be in Florida the 2nd week in February to tour groves and meet with researchers.

Mr. Dantzler met with Auditor, Alex Wheeler, to discuss changes to reports based on new IRS regulations.

Mr. Dantzler reported that CRDF sent the revised by-laws to UF for approval and received them back with a couple of minor changes, primarily giving the Board of Trustees a greater opportunity to have input, including allowing the University to have another seat on the Executive Committee. There are also new accounting principles that have been designated for their DSOs which has been added to the by-law draft.

Mr. Dantzler reported that Dr. Gilbert, UF Dean of Research, will be attending this afternoon's CRDF Board retreat to have further discussions on the program vs. project funding issue, as well as other topics.

Partnership Updates: Dr. Stephen Futch, UF/IFAS Extension Agent, reported that fruit size is smaller than normal with Hamlins and that Valencias look better than the Hamlins. Pound solids are running lower than normal in the 5 – 5.2 average range. Some growers have reported picking more boxes this year than in past years. They are experiencing more leaf drop as well. Dr. Futch reported he will be retiring in the next 60-90 days after 34 years with UF, and before his departure he is planning a Brazil trip, and anyone interested in accompanying his group can contact him for more information.

Dr. Michael Rogers reported UF is hosting the 2019 Florida Citrus Show in Fort Pierce, which starts Wednesday, January 23, 2019. He also reported that in April the Citrus Growers Institute and the Grower Day will be held together in Avon Park. These meetings will follow the IRC/HLB meeting that will take place in March. Lastly, he gave an update on the new IFAS website, which shows field trial data from the plant improvement team. He is asking everyone to give feedback on the website so they can continue to improve it during the draft 2 stage.

Mr. Mike Sparks with Florida Citrus Mutual gave a brief update regarding legislative issues. He thanked the new CRDF Board members for their commitment to serve and gave a brief background of Florida Citrus Mutual and their relationship with CRDF. Mr. Sparks gave an update on the G.R.I.P. program (to be re-named), which has been on hold since Hurricane Irma. He reported on continued outreach to newly elected officials.

New Business: Mr. Dantzler reported there will be a CRDF Board retreat and luncheon following the board meeting, and invited everyone to stay and participate in the retreat.

Future CRDF Meetings: The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10am, co-hosted by UF/IFAS at the IRREC in Fort Pierce, Florida.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Minutes submitted by Rob Atchley, Secretary.