

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

October 17, 2017

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Ben Hill Griffin Hall, in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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. Ned Hancock; Dr. Greg Hodges; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone); Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Mr. Joe Davis, Jr. and Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Jude Grosser; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Mike Irey (telephone); Mr. Charlie Lykes; Dr. Pat Ouimet; Mr. Mike Sparks (telephone); Dr. Tom Turpen; Mr. John Updike; and Dr. Lisa Weaver.

Also in attendance were: Ms. Brandy Brown, Dr. Jim Dukowitz; Ms. Sharon Garrett; Dr. Fred Gmitter; Ms. Brandi Goller; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Mr. Andrew Meadows (telephone); Mr. Ernie Neff; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Dr. Brian Scully; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; Mr. Steve Smith; Ms. Callie Walker; and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Jerkins introduced and welcomed the three new Board Elect members; Mr. Charlie Lykes with Lykes Brothers; Mr. John Updike with Alcoma; and Mr. David Howard with Graves Brothers.

Dr. Browning introduced Dr. Lisa Weaver the new Senior Program Manager and referenced her bio, which was included in materials.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the August 22, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

Executive Committee: Chairman Tom Jerkins announced Board Member appointment to committees; Mr. Charlie Lykes has been appointed to the Finance and Audit Committee; Mr. John Updike has been appointed to the Commercial Product Delivery Committee; and Dr. Greg Hodges has been appointed to the Commercial Product Delivery Committee. Mr. David Howard will continue serving on Research Management and Commercial Product Delivery Committees. Mr. Jerkins stated there would also be some additional appointments to committees and committee leadership at the January 2018 meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman Hugh Thompson reviewed adjustments to the Financial Summaries and Accompanying Statements for June and July 2017. Mr. Black made a motion to approve the June and July 2017 financial summaries as presented. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the adjustments to the Financial Summaries and Accompanying Statements for the August 2017. Mr. Black made a motion to approve the August 2017 financial summary as presented. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the changes to IRS Tax Form 990 and asked for Board comments or questions following their review. The Form 990 is due on November 15, 2017. Mr. Barben made a motion to approve Tax Form 990 as presented. Mr. Black seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters: Mr. Mike Sparks gave an update on Legislative and funding issues, focusing on both state and federal initiatives. He included reference to the Disaster Relief Initiative that is taking priority for federal response, and introduced the Grower Replanting Incentive Program (GRIP). Both state and federal processes are moving Florida's citrus needs forward, and Mr. Sparks confirmed that the state request for HLB research support remains a top priority for the Florida Legislature.

Governance Committee: Chairman Ricke Kress reported the committee would meet after the Board meeting to discuss conflict of interest forms for the board elect members for 2018.

Research Management Committee: Chairman Bobby Barben reported that Research Management Committee has not met. Mr. Barben thanked Dr. Turpen for his work and role with CRDF and the industry since early in the development of the research program. He then introduced Dr. Turpen, who gave a detailed presentation on the NIFA nuPsyllid project. The project has been concluded and the final report is in preparation. Dr. Turpen's presentation has been posted to the CRDF website for further review.

Mr. Jerkins presented Dr. Turpen with a resolution from CRDF and thanked him for all his work with the industry.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Chairman Ben McLean reported on several items for consideration from the October 16 CPDC Meeting.

Dr. Lisa Weaver gave a presentation on the impact of Hurricane Irma on CRDF field trials and the industry.

Mr. McLean presented an adjustment to project 15-032C Irey "Continued support for the Southern Gardens Diagnostic Laboratory" related to cost associated with PCR samples run in excess of that estimated in the original proposal. The cost for these additional samples is \$29,208.91. Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the additional funding for \$29,208.91 for the additional sample processing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed with one opposing vote from Mr. Thompson and one abstaining vote from Mr. Kress.

Mr. McLean reviewed an adjustment to project 17-006C Triplett "Monitoring of citrus groves for non-target antibiotic resistance prior to and after application of streptomycin and oxytetracycline" for one additional sampling site to be added to the project with a budget of \$16,935. Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the additional sampling site with a budget amendment of \$16,935. Mr. Kress seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McLean reviewed a request from Dr. Jude Grosser, UF, IFAS, for Plant Improvement Trial support. The project would conduct field-testing to identify elite rootstocks that can mitigate or prevent HLB in scions potentially important to USA Citriculture under an optimized affordable production system. Discussion followed, with several recommendations coming forward for inclusion in the full proposal development. Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the request for a proposal from Dr. Grosser. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kress and passed unanimously.

Mr. McLean presented for consideration of a consultant to assist CRDF with bactericide resistance monitoring. Mr. McLean made a motion to approve moving forward to develop a proposal for Dr. Sudin for consultant work with CRDF. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kress and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning presented an overview of the Bayer/CRDF Partnership project at the request of the board. The presentation, submitted by Bayer, updated the Board on the overarching elements of the project and progress during the first quarter of activity. The first Project Steering Committee meeting will occur in January 2018.

Industry Research Coordinating Committee: Chairman Wayne Simmons had nothing to report.

COO Report: Dr. Browning gave an update on the USDA/NIFA SCRI Citrus Disease Research & Education Program, summarizing the 19 projects, which have been approved through three cycles of funding approval. The NAS Analysis of HLB research also was updated.

Future CRDF Meetings: The next Board of Directors meeting is TBD and the proposed dates for 2018 BoD Meetings were included in the materials and will be posted on the CRDF website.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin, Secretary.