

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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 22, 2017**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors 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 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. Joe Davis, Jr.; Dr. Greg Hodges; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa (telephone); Mr. Ben McLean (telephone); Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson (telephone). Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Ms. Brandi Goller; Dr. Pat Ouimet; Dr. Bob Shatters; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; Mr. Mike Sparks; Dr. Lisa Weaver (telephone); and Mr. Alex Wheeler.

Also in attendance were: Ms. Brandy Brown, Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone); Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone); Dr. Fred Gmitter; Dr. Jude Grosser; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Mr. Bo Meador; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Dr. Kent Morgan; Mr. Craig Noll; Ms. Audrey Nowicki (telephone); Dr. Michael Rogers (telephone); Mr. Steve Smith; Mr. John Updike; Ms. Callie Walker; and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the July 25, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

**Finance and Audit Committee:** Chairman Hugh Thompson reviewed the Financial Summary and Accompanying Statements for July 2017. Mr. Davis asked about the Bayer Partnership and how it is reflected in the financial statement. Dr. Browning explained the Bayer funding breakdown over the three year contract including the PepsiCo commitment. Mr. Thompson did not make a motion to approve the June or July Financial Summary, as review of the audit by F&A led to requested revisions to be made and presented at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Alex Wheeler to review the CRDF draft audit. Mr. Wheeler gave an update on the FY2016-17 financial audit. There were no findings and the final report should be submitted on Monday, August 28, 2017. Mr. Black made a motion to approve the FY2016-17 CRDF financial audit. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hodges and 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 activities related to citrus.

**Governance Committee:** Chairman Ricke Kress reported that the committee met and discussed one item that requires action. He gave an update on the three board members terms that are ending in December 2017 Mr. Tom Jerkins, Mr. Hugh Thompson and Mr. Wayne Simmons. The Florida Citrus Commission and Florida Citrus Mutual have made appointments, which will be effective on January 1, 2018, and new board member terms will run until December 2020. Florida Citrus Mutual appointed Mr. Charlie Lykes and Mr. David Howard and the Florida Citrus Commission appointed Mr. John Updike. Staff will be sending out Conflict of Interest Forms and other documents needed from the new appointees. Mr. Black made a motion to give the new appointees full access to all committee and board materials and documents upon completing forms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

**Research Management Committee:** Chairman Bobby Barben reported that the committee did not meet since the last board meeting.

**Commercial Product Delivery Committee:** Chairman Ben McLean reported on the August 10 CPDC Meeting and gave project updates and recommendations. He gave a brief report on the Trunk application field experiment plans being developed for consideration for USDA, APHIS HLB Mac funding. Mr. McLean made a motion for board recommendation for HLB MAC funding for the trunk application project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and pass unanimously.

Mr. McLean gave a brief report on the topic of evaluating various bactericidal tank mix evaluations. There was a lengthy discussion at the CPDC about the difficulties in designing such trials and a recommendation emerged from the committee to form a tank mix subcommittee to address efficacy and uptake in tank mix trials. Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the forming of a subcommittee to direct this study further. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kress and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning advised the board that the Agrosource Quarterly report was provided in the board materials and sought questions or discussion.

Dr. Slinski and Dr. Bob Shatters discussed the 2017 Bactericide Grower Use Survey and its role in documenting adoption of these tools by growers in the current production season.

Mr. Jenkins reported on his presentation from the 2017 Citrus Expo.

Mr. McLean reported on the #16-011C Adair “Reflective Mulch Evaluation Project and a request from the PI for a six month extension with a budget of \$49,434.30 to support salaries for field data and yield on this second harvest season. This grapefruit trial will provide Indian River growers information on performance and economics of the installation of metalized reflective mulch at planting. Mr. McLean made a motion to approve the six month extension with a budget of \$49,434.30 to project #16-011C Adair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kress and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning advised to the Board that Dr. Hatcher’s presentation from the RMC Meetings was included in the materials and encouraged board members to review.

Mr. Hancock have an update on the Grower Experience Forensics.

Dr. Browning referenced the Program Managers Quarterly Report as included in the materials and encouraged board members to review them and to let staff know if there are any questions.

**Industry Research Coordinating Committee:** Chairman Wayne Simmons had nothing to report at this time.

**COO Report:** Dr. Browning gave an update on FY 2018-19 state legislative state funding proposal the Bayer Partnership press conference and an update on the CRDF Senior Program Manager, Dr. Lisa Weaver.

**Future CRDF Meetings:** Board of Directors Meeting – The normal date for the September conflicts with another industry meeting, so board members will be polled to confirm a date for September or early October.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin, Secretary.