

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

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 24, 2017**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, January 24, 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.; 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. Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Tim Anglea; Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Ruth Meissner; Dr. Patricia Ouimet; Dr. Stephanie Sliniski; Mr. Mike Sparks; Mr. Mark Turner; and Dr. Tom Turpen.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Dan Botts; Mr. Chase Bradley; Mr. Dennis Broadaway; Ms. Brandy Brown; Mr. John Cordts; Mr. Aedan Dowling; Dr. Jim Dukowitz; Mr. Tim Eyrich; Ms. Sharon Garrett; Ms. Brandi Goller; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Ms. Leanna Himrod; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Sean McCoy; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Mr. Craig Noll; Mr. Jim Snively; Dr. Jim Syvertsen; Mr. Rick Tinsworth; Ms. Callie Walker; Dr. Rosa Walsh; and Mr. Mitch Willis.

Mr. Jerkins introduced Mr. Mark Turner and Dr. Ruth Meissner from Bayer CropScience and Dr. Greg Hodges with FDACS as the new Board Member who replaced Lisa Conti.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the December 6, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

**Executive Committee:** Chairman Tom Jerkins invited Dr. Hodges to consider joining the Executive Committee.

**Finance and Audit Committee:** Chairman Hugh Thompson reviewed the Financial Summary and Accompanying Statements. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and passed unanimously.

Mr. Thompson presented the motion from the committee; to communicate to the PI's, amend the contracts to balance the underspend, give them 30 days to respond, transfer appropriate projects currently allocated to other funding to the Legislative funding, and add new projects as appropriate, to Legislative funding. Mr. Thompson moved to accept the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously.

**Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters:** Mr. Mike Sparks gave an update on the State and Federal funding programs.

**Governance Committee:** Chairman Ricke Kress acknowledged the appointment of new Board Member Dr. Greg Hodges to represent the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to represent the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and reappointments of Mr. Jerry Newlin and Rick Kress. He suggested to Mr. Jerkins a letter to Dr. Lisa Conti thanking her for her service as a CRDF Board Member.

Mr. Kress made a motion to Florida Citrus Mutual and the Florida Department of Citrus, requesting both entities to start identifying future Board Members for participation early on in the committees and board

meetings before they reach board appointments to be in a position, as current board members term out or move on, there will be replacements ready for those current board members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

The agenda topic of CRDF staffing and the evolution of responsibilities of the COO was discussed, with an organization chart provided. Mr. Kress gave a review of the focus is to hire a Senior Program Manager to report directly to the COO and be in charge of all the Program Managers. The hiring process should take place as soon as possible.

**Research Management Committee:** Chairman Bobby Barben had nothing to report.

Dr. Turpen gave an update on the Program Managers Report and Active Topics.

**Commercial Product Delivery Committee:** Chairman Ben McLean reported about the December 5 CPDC Meeting and gave project updates and recommendations.

Dr. Ruth Meissner gave the Bayer CropScience Proposal presentation. There was Board discussion about the proposal but a motion was not made for consideration of approval. It was suggested that the Executive Committee meet prior to the next board meeting to discuss confidential business aspects of the partnership and a Board meeting be scheduled for further discussion towards a decision.

Dr. Browning gave a brief update on the Renewal of Citrus Health Section 18, referring to the CRDF website for more information.

Dr. Browning presented project #16-027C Futch “Determine impact of Reglone application on killing abandoned citrus trees in mature groves - a demonstration”, proposal for 1 year in the amount of \$25,430. Mr. McLean moved to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning discussed the Regulatory Workshop that was scheduled to follow the January 24 board meeting and encouraged committee and board members to attend.

Dr. Slinski gave an update on the Zinkicide project, indicating that she would plan for a more detailed update at the next meeting.

Mr. McLean presented the CRDF Statistical Support Proposal for \$10,000 for one year. Mr. McLean moved to approve funding for \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kress and passed unanimously.

**Industry Research Coordinating Committee:** Chairman Wayne Simmons reported the finalized 2016-17 GAPS Analysis and Report. Mr. Newlin moved to approve the report. The motion was second by Mr. McLean and passed unanimously. The report has been posted to the CRDF Website.

**COO Report:** Dr. Browning discussed the upcoming June 2017, Bonita Springs Meeting and the potential meeting times during the Grower Meeting.

The details for registration and program for the upcoming HLB Conference on March 17, 2017 has been posted to the website. The follow up grower day will follow about one month after the Conference. The date will be announced once confirmed.

Dr. Browning gave an update on NIFA, SCRI Citrus Disease Program Award Press Release. Four awards were announced by the Secretary of Agriculture: two were interventions to bacteria; the third was focused on control of Psyllids and the fourth project focused on genetic plant improvement.

**Future CRDF Meetings:** Board of Directors meeting – February 28, 2017 in Fort Pierce, USHRL with a luncheon and tour to follow.

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

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown