

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2017

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, February 7, 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 11:10 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 (telephone); Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Mr. Ned Hancock; Dr. Greg Hodges (telephone); Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa; Mr. Ben McLean (telephone); Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone); Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Also participating were: Dr. Tim Anglea (telephone); Dr. Harold Browning; and Dr. Stephanie Slinski.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Bill Barber; Ms. Brandy Brown; Dr. Jim Dukowitz; Ms. Brandi Goller; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Sean McCoy; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Dr. Pat Ouimet; Ms. Juanita Popenoe; Mr. Tim Sink; Mr. Mike Sparks; Dr. Rosa Walsh; and Mr. Mitch Willis.

Mr. Hancock moved to accept the Minutes of the January 24, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kress and passed unanimously.

Executive Committee: Chairman Tom Jerkins reported the committee met in a closed session for information exchange on the confidential business details of the Bayer Partnership proposal.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Mr. Jerkins asked Dr. Browning to review the Bayer Proposal for recommendation.

Dr. Browning discussed the presentation given by Dr. Ruth Meissner on the Bayer CropScience Proposal at the January 24 Board Meeting. Mr. Black made a motion to move forward with executing a contract with Bayer CropScience as described in the work plan and to identify alternate funding sources. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock. There was board discussion and Dr. Browning gave an outline on the funding for a 3-year budget plan for a 3-phase. By mid-point of the 3rd year, the agreement indicates that a review of progress and planning exercise will determine if the project will continue by way of an updated work plan and a budget for consideration by CRDF. The motion passed with one opposing vote from Mr. Barben.

COO Report: Dr. Browning discussed the upcoming Board of Directors Meeting on February 28, 2017 in Fort Pierce, USHRL with a luncheon and tour of ARS plant improvement programs.

A Governance Committee meeting will be held prior to the Board of Directors meeting on February 28, 2017 in Fort Pierce.

Dr. Browning gave an update on the National Academy of Sciences portfolio review and the recently approved NIFA SCRI Citrus Disease Research and Education Program Projects, representing the third round of funding commitment.

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 11:35 am.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown