

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

August 28, 2018

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center in Sebring, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. President Larry Black 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. Larry Black, Dr. Jackie Burns, Mr. Joe Davis, Jr., Mr. Ned Hancock, Dr. Greg Hodges, Mr. David Howard, Mr. Ricke Kress, Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Mr. Ben McLean (telephone), Mr. Jerry Newlin, and Mr. John Updike, Jr. Board member, Mr. Charlie Lykes joined the meeting at 10:30 am. Also participating were: Mr. Mike Aerts, Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Rick Dantzler, Dr. Catherine Hatcher, Ms. Laurie Hurner, Mr. John Morgan, Ms. Audrey Nowicki, Dr. Michael Rogers, Mr. Ray Royce, Dr. Brian Scully, Mr. Mike Sparks and Dr. Mark Trimmer.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Dan Casper, Mr. Peter Chaires, Mr. Aedan Dowling; Ms. Allison Drown, Mr. Justin Ezell, Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone), Mr. J.R. Gough, Mr. Ron Hamel, Mr. Jason Johnson, Mr. Cody Lastinger, Mr. Ed Leotti, Ms. Sherry McCorkle, Mr. Sean McCoy, Mr. Paul Meador, Mr. Andrew Meadows (telephone), Mr. Steve Melchert, Mr. Ernie Neff, Mr. Craig Noll, Dr. Pat Ouimet, Mr. Taw Richardson, Mr. Gee Roe; Mr. Ben Rosson, Mr. Wayne Simmons, Mr. Steve Smith, Ms. Callie Walker and Dr. Rosa Walsh.

Mr. Black thanked everyone for attending, as the Board continues to get out on the road to interface with more growers and citrus industries. Mr. Hancock welcomed the Board and audience to Highlands County and thanked Ms. Laurie Hurner and Mr. Ray Royce for their help with getting the meeting set up.

Mr. Black introduced and welcomed Mr. Rick Dantzler, COO of CRDF, to his first official CRDF Board Meeting. Mr. Dantzler thanked everyone for coming and reported in his first two weeks he has been meeting with Board members, growers, production managers and USDA and UF staff to get an idea of what CRDF can do to fulfill its mission better. Mr. Dantzler expressed his excitement in his journey with CRDF and stressed the importance of continued and better communication with the citrus industry.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

Executive Committee: Chairman Larry Black opened the meeting with a brief discussion of the August 24, 2018 Executive Committee meeting, at which Dr. John Arthington provided status updates on two matters, the status update of the CRDF bactericide data analysis and report and the Section 18.

Mr. Black reported the CRDF bactericide data analysis is complete, the final report is expected soon and will be distributed to the Board.

Mr. Black thanked Mr. Aerts, FFVA, for attending. Mr. Aerts gave an update on Mr. Dan Botts progress with the bactericides white paper, noting it would be delayed until he is able to return to work. Relative to the Tree Health Section 18, it will remain in effect until December 31, 2018. As for the Federal Registration, the process is still ongoing, and EPA has communicated they are close to a decision. If either federal registration goes through, it will not be necessary to proceed with the Section 18 application for 2019. If the federal registrations do not go through, then CRDF must decide whether to apply for a renewal of the existing Section 18.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman Ned Hancock reviewed the Financial Summary for the period ending July 31, 2018. CRDF staff is working with Bunting, Tripp & Ingley to on the annual audit; it is almost complete and the timeline is on track to meet the university's due date. Mr. Hancock made a motion to approve the July 2018 financial summary. Dr. Mastrodicasa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hancock gave a brief update on the CRDF Communications Plan, to include the CRDF website and communications with the Extension Agents. Mr. Hancock asked Mr. Morgan to give an update on the process for the website RFP. Mr. John reported the RFP was posted two weeks ago and he has been receiving responses from 25 plus companies, both national and international. Questions regarding scope and deliverables from the bidders have been compiled and will be made available by Friday 31 August. Expect final submissions from bidders by Friday 7 September.

Governance Committee: Chairman Ricke Kress reported the Governance Committee met on August 28, and there are several items to report, none that require Board action.

Mr. Kress gave an update from the Governance Search and Screen Committee that met on July 31 for the purpose of reviewing the final three COO candidate applicants. There was full agreement of the committee that all qualifications were insufficient for the COO position.

Upon completion of the COO Search and Screen process, Chairman Kress requested interim COO Arthington and CRDF staff to review and document with UF, total COO search process to ensure that all UF requirements were satisfied and documented. Arthington reported that review completed and as required.

Mr. Kress gave an update from the reviewed and discussed August 7-8, 2018 Systems Approach to HLB Research Funding meeting in Ft. Pierce, FL. The purpose of meeting was to discuss the recommendation made by the 2018 National Academy of Sciences study on HLB research for all the HLB research funding agencies "to develop a fresh systems approach to HLB research prioritization and strategic distribution of resources for research leading to effective HLB management." Reviewed major themes, goals for collaboration, gaps to be addressed and next steps. Final report in draft stages and will be available for circulation in near future. Key point from CRDF perspective is that Florida is willing to improve communication and collaboration, but not at the expense of impacting HLB disease solutions.

Mr. Kress reported the Governance Committee discussed current status of bactericides and recent industry reports. CRDF has been in the process of conducting industry surveys on utilization of bactericides. Process is in place to assess the compilation of all data and conditions. Staff will continue and coordinate review of industry data, maintain the autonomy of CRDF data plus any other industry data from other sources as available and willing to share.

The Governance Committee will continue to work with staff to develop and provide details related to the Conflict of Interest process for new CRDF Board and Committee members.

Staff will work with Dr. Michael Ford, General Counsel of UF, and schedule a meeting in advance of the September Board of Directors meeting for the purpose of a current review of all Sunshine Law requirements related to the CRDF.

Mr. Kress reported on the collaboration with the California Research Board, CRDF will be involved with the development and participation in upcoming citrus research related industry meetings:

- Riverdale, MD., October 3-5, 2018 - Workshop on the US regulatory system for biotech-derived crops; provide general overviews of various aspects of the regulatory process.
- Denver, CO., October 24-26, 2018 – Meeting to facilitate interstate movement of citrus research materials primarily focusing on HLB.

Research Management Committee: Chairman David Howard reported RMC has not met since the last Board meeting.

Mr. Howard reviewed the CRDF 2018 RFP timeline and noted all is on schedule.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Chairman Ben McLean reported CPDC has not met since the last Board meeting, and the CPDC will follow the same RFP timeline as RMC.

The C-SAB meetings took place on August 22 & 23 and it was an excellent meeting. Staff is now compiling SAB recommendations to bring forward to the CPDC that will meet on September 5. There was Board discussion about when the recommendations would be available to the committees to review. It was suggested to bring the RFP timeline and process to both CPDC and RMC meetings to modify future RFP process and timelines. Mr. Howard made a motion for both RMC and CPD committees to address the process and timeline issues of the current RFP at the next committee meetings and to agree on a modified process and timeline that satisfies the needs of the committee members for future RFP's and then bring the recommendations to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atchley and passed unanimously.

COO Report: Mr. Dantzler discussed the RFP and his views on the process as well as a better communications plan with the growers, and more informative progress reports from researchers.

Partnership Updates: Mr. Mike Sparks, Florida Citrus Mutual, gave a brief update on long term research funding and Legislative matters. He discussed the importance of the Farm Bill.

Dr. Michael Rogers gave an update on UF/IFAS on research proposal, a report from the Citrus Expo and discussed the launch of a new website for IFAS programs. The new website for UF/IFAS is <https://citrusresearch.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

Ms. Laurie Hurner, Highlands County UF/IFAS Citrus Extension Agent gave an update on the happenings around Highlands County. She discussed the field conditions with the recent spotty rain fall, reflective mulch projects, C.U.P.S. system and the grower ag safety days.

Dr. Brian Scully, USDA, gave several brief reports and updates on citrus programs to include Super Sour-Dr. Kim Bowman, Scion breeding-Dr. Ed Stover, Entomology-Dr. Steve LaPointe, and Bactericides-Dr. Bob Shatters, who gave a presentation at the Citrus Expo.

New Business: Dr. Mark Trimmer with AgroSource discussed the comments on the Bactericide Data Analysis Report in response to the bactericide use article recently published and the Federal Registration Section 3.

Mr. Black recognized Ms. Sherry McCorkle from Congressman Rooney's Office and thanked her for attending and Congressman Rooney's support for the citrus industry.

Future CRDF Meetings: Mr. Black announced the upcoming meetings:

- RMC Meeting – Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- CPDC Meeting – Wednesday, September 5, 2018
- Board of Directors – Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. Black reminded everyone of the CRDF Grower Education Session and luncheon with speakers Dr. Richard Beeson and Dr. Kirsten Pelz-Stelinski following the Board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin, Secretary.