

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

April 26, 2016

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 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. Lisa Conti (telephone); Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr.; Mr. Ned Hancock; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Dr. Jackie Burns did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Angie Lindsey; Dr. Michael Rogers; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; Mr. Mike Sparks; and Ms. Callie Walker.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Doug Bournique; Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone); Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone); Ms. Brandi Goller; Ms. LeAnne Himrod; Ms. Susan Logue; Mr. Sean McCoy; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Ms. Shelley Rossetter; Mr. Tim Sink; Dr. Rosa Walsh; and Mr. Mitch Willis.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the March 22, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newlin and passed unanimously.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman Hugh Thompson reviewed the March 31, 2016 financial summary and accompanying statements. Mr. Hancock moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously.

Dr. Browning gave an update on contract management and the fiscal year 2015-16 budget year. The NIFA nuPssyllid project Stakeholder, Advisors and Team Leaders will meet May 9th to discuss the scope of work and proposed budget revisions for the remainder of the project. A report to the Board will be provided after the meeting.

Mr. Thompson reported the committee received four bids in response to a request for audit firm quotes for the next three fiscal years. The committee recommended to retain Bunting, Tripp & Ingley, requesting a reduction in their quote, and adding an allowance for adjusting the annual cost based on the level of activity, as well as re-negotiating or terminating the agreement if reports are not submitted timely. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the selection of the Bunting, Tripp & Ingley audit firm for the next three fiscal years with the caveats mentioned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

President Jerkins appointed Mr. Hancock to serve as a fifth member of the Finance and Audit Committee effective immediately.

Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters: Mr. Sparks reminded the \$8 MM General Revenue will be available to the Foundation July 1st, thanks to the efforts of a number of Senators and Legislators, and Governor Scott's approval. Recently a new release of \$22 MM funding through the Farm Bill was announced. On the federal level, IRS rules are being looked at for a mechanism to provide incentives for growers' new planting efforts.

Governance Committee: Chairman Ricke Kress reported that the committee had not met.

Research Management Committee: Chairman Bobby Barben reported the Scientific Advisory Board will meet later this week to review current progress as well as seven CATP16 proposals and will make recommendations to the committee to consider before meeting in May.

Asked if there will be an RFP issued, Dr. Browning reminded the Project Management team reviewed all research and product delivery projects in February which resulted in the recommendations to RMC, CPDC and board of which projects for which a full proposal was invited. He reported that the USDA SCRI Citrus Disease and Extension Program (CDRE) has issued an invitation for pre-application Stakeholder Relevance Statements due May 16, 2016 with the priorities of bactericides and other therapies, plant resistance, culturing the bacteria, and early detection.

Dr. Browning noted that additional stakeholders are being recruited to review and prioritize the pre-application submissions, and asked that he be contacted with suggestions for potential participants.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Chairman Ben McLean's committee has not met.

Dr. Slinski noted the Tree Health Section 18 Application label language and resistance monitoring requirements are still being evaluated by the EPA.

Dr. Slinski summarized the numbers and locations of bactericide grower field trials in progress.

Ms. Walker presented information on the FDACS Abandoned Grove program, utilizing CHMA rankings for selection of CHMAs from which trees will be removed. Under Project I 2,981 acres were removed through December 2015. For 2016, 3,751 acres have been selected and contractor removal by clip and burn and grind/mulch based on CHMAs selected under Project II.

The Board discussed the importance of inoculum removal having been documented but efforts are minimal in achieving substantial removal. There was discussion of the benefits of preparing a White Paper in advance of the industry approaching the state for adequate funding to achieve broader scale removal of unmanaged citrus groves.

Industry Research Coordinating Committee: Chairman Wayne Simmons reported the committee will meet May 10th and expects to complete the gap analysis in June 2016.

COO Report: Dr. Browning discussed the USDA Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC) has been compiling and reviewing ideas for shovel-ready projects to be funded by the \$5.5 MM current year appropriation.

Strategic Planning: Dr. Lindsey facilitated ongoing Strategic Planning discussions and will summarize the discussions for distribution and review prior to final adoption by the Board.

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the Strategic Planning Initiative discussions conceptually at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLean and passed unanimously.

Future CRDF Meetings: Board of Directors meeting – June 15, 2016 at 9:30 am in Bonita Springs
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin