

**Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc.**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Florida Citrus Mutual Headquarters, 411 E. Orange Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am 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. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Wayne Simmons; Mr. Bob Stambaugh; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Dr. Jackie Burns; Dr. Mary Duryea; and Mr. Ricke Kress were absent. Also in attendance were: Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Mike Sparks; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; Dr. Tom Turpen; Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone); Ms. Brandi Goller; Ms. Audrey Nowicki (telephone); Alec Hayes (telephone); and Mr. Paul Carr (telephone).

Others present at the meeting were: Aeden Dowling; Sarah Anderson; Dr. Michael Rogers; Dr. Yu Wang; Dr. Brian Scully; Ms. Shannon Shepp; Dr. Rosa Walsh; Mr. Jeff Mumford; Mr. Mike McLeud; Mr. Craig Noll and Ms. Mary Hartney.

Larry Black moved to accept the Minutes of the March 24, 2015 Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wayne Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hugh Thompson reviewed the March 2015 financial summary.

Mr. Bob Stambaugh moved to accept the March Financial Summary as presented. Seconded by Mr. Larry Black, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Harold Browning discussed the Research Box Tax timelines for consideration of the next research tax referendum in 2016. An update on the CRDF Internal Operational Audit in process by UF was provided.

Mr. Mike Sparks updated on Long-Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters, indicating that delays in state budget processes will postpone the announcement of requested funding approval for CRDF support

Mr. Bob Stambaugh had nothing to report on the Governance Committee, but later updated on the ad hoc committee tasked to make recommendations for CRDF staffing needs.

Mr. Bobby Barben had nothing to report on the Research Management Committee.

Dr. Tom Turpen updated on NuPsyllid. Dr. Harold Browning updated the Board on the CATP 2015 research project review process, with dates for external review and committee and board consideration He also updated on the NIFA Farm Bill SCRI Program and processes.

Mr. Ben McLean reported that the Commercial Product Delivery Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Dr. Browning introduced Mr. Jeff Mumford and Mr. Mike McCloud of Integrated Project Management Company, Inc. Mr. Mumford gave a PowerPoint presentation of the company's services and a discussion of CRDF needs for more project documentation and management followed.

Mr. Larry Black made a motion to move forward with Knowledge Mapping with focus on breeding, seeking support from Tropicana's resources. Seconded by Dr. Lisa Conti, the motion passed followed further discussion.

Mr. Bob Stambaugh made a motion for Dr. Harold Browning to move forward with IPM on discussions of possible next steps and seconded by Mr. Jerry Newlin. The motion was approved. Updates were provided on CPDC project activities. Dr. Stephanie Slinski gave an update on field trial progress, and Dr. Jim Dukowitz updated on last week's meeting with Monsanto. Dr. Harold Browning updated on the CPD projects by showing a PowerPoint slide of the timeline for review and approval of these 19 projects.

Dr. Harold Browning updated on Annual Processes by showing a PowerPoint slide outlining actions over the next couple of months, moving into the new fiscal year.

Future CRDF Meetings: Board of Directors Meeting – May 26, 2015 9:30 am

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin