

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the

Governance Sub-Committee Telephonic Meeting

August 5, 2015

A meeting of the Governance Sub-Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Chairman Bob Stambaugh. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Sub-Committee members participating were: Dr. Tim Anglea; Mr. Bob Behr (telephone); Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Michael Rogers; Ms. Shannon Shepp; Mr. Wayne Simmons; Mr. Bob Stambaugh; Sub-Committee members Mr. Aedan Dowling, Mr. Tom Jerkins, Mr. Mike Sparks and Dr. Brian Scully did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Ms. Brandi Goller; and Ms. Audrey Nowicki.

Mr. Stambaugh noted that Mr. Simmons attended the July 15th meeting; his name was omitted from the minutes. Mr. Kress moved to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting with the addition of Mr. Simmons to the attendees. The motion was seconded by Dr. Anglea and passed unanimously.

Mr. Stambaugh stated the meeting will focus on management and support needs for the Foundation. There being no questions on the previous discussions, Dr. Browning reviewed the current project management team, noting that the details of a full time project manager for breeding and tolerance resistance engineering position is being compiled for advertisement in the state hiring system. If committee members have qualified recommendations, they should be encouraged to apply. The vacant program assistant position is being updated and re-submitted to UF for posting.

Mr. Kress questioned whether the new project manager for breeding support will require field support personnel to assist with field trials, etc. Dr. Browning noted that he and Dr. Slinski have discussed part-time support for the Bactericide Project Manager. Support personnel exist for breeding and evaluation, as the CRDF supports a trial administrator and data collection team through contract with UF. In addition, the breeding research teams will also collect data from their trials. The Knowledge Mapping activity in September will determine if the Foundation should set up and maintain a database related to candidate genotypes and what resources are necessary to support a project manager. A policy/directive should be developed for all scientists that receive breeding support that connects each project to the larger goals.

Mr. Kress reminded that, if foreign genes are introduced into plants for resistance evaluation, the regulatory aspect should be considered and planned in parallel with horticultural evaluation. This could result in the need to support the concept of GMO citrus to consumers.

Mr. Stambaugh asked if there are any other areas on which the Foundation should be expanding at this time regarding organizational support. Dr. Browning reviewed the corporate partnership strategy discussions held during the June 12th Commercial Product Delivery Committee meeting. The proposal from TIG will be considered at future meetings as one of the CPDC management opportunities. Discussion with outside management companies that could bring prospective management partners together with the Foundation also has occurred.

Another outstanding issue for discussion is the proposed hire of the Antimicrobial Project Manager as a Foundation employee instead of a TIG associate.

The discussion continued on the breeding program and how the Foundation should monitor and assist in the data coordination of not only the breeding program, but should review all field trials and projects in the CRDF portfolio in conjunction with the federally funded research projects to the extent possible. There was discussion of what the Foundation's role should be, noting it is critical that CRDF set the framework with the USDA-APHIS MAC and NIFA leaders for an overall strategy and prioritization to direct future funding to meet industry needs and avoid duplication.

Additional expertise may be needed, whether through additional Board members or outside contractors, to move long-term solutions into the field and to consumers.

Dr. Browning reviewed the communication support proposal, noting it would provide assistance to CRDF in drafting and editing communications, preparation of presentations, and web site content management. Assistance in this area could increase links to the UF website for current grove practices and recommendations to growers, information that is a result of CRDF funding. Ms. Shepp felt some of these tasks could be absorbed by FDOC, noting that FDOC, FCM and CRDF should work together, assisting each other when possible.

Discussion went back to the pending renewal of the research box tax referendum that will be managed by the Department of Agriculture, and the role in promoting it to the growers. Ms. Shepp offered FDOC's support in producing a brief CRDF info graphic to summarize results and advances toward solutions to growers that have arisen from the box tax. Dr. Browning will forward information for the info graphic for production of a draft timeline

Mr. Stambaugh outlined topics for the September 2nd meeting:

- Discussion of corporate partnership strategy – proposal submitted by Integrated Project Management, Inc.
- CRDF employment of Antimicrobial Project Manager
- TIG's current project management and corporate partnership proposals
- Board and committees should establish objective criteria and review projects to determine if there are less vital projects that should be terminated

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Minutes submitted by Audrey Nowicki