

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

March 22, 2016

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, March 22, 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 Vice President Ricke Kress. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board members present were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Dr. Jackie Burns; Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr.; Mr. Ned Hancock; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Mr. Larry Black and Dr. Lisa Conti did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Tim Anglea; Mr. Dan Botts; Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Charlie Clark; Dr. Tracy Irani; Dr. Angie Lindsey; Ms. Susan Logue; Mr. Peter McClure (telephone); Mr. Andy Rackley (telephone); Mr. Mike Sparks; and Dr. Tom Turpen (telephone).

Also in attendance were: Dr. Davis Daiker; Dr. James Dukowitz (telephone); Ms. Kelly Friend (telephone); Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone); Ms. Brandi Goller; Mr. Ron Hamel; Mr. Alec Hayes (telephone); Ms. LeAnne Himrod; Ms. Mariana Mansur; Mr. Sean McCoy; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Ms. Audrey Nowicki; Mr. W. Lindsay Raley; Dr. Michael Rogers; Ms. Shelley Rossiter; Dr. Brian Scully; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Ms. Callie Walker (telephone).

Mr. Thompson moved to accept the Minutes of the February 23, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newlin and passed unanimously.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman Hugh Thompson reviewed the financial summary for the period ending February 29, 2016. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barben and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sparks gave an update on Legislative funding for FY 2016-17, including the CRDF appropriation, other citrus support funding, and programs.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Mr. Dan Botts of FFVA/TPR gave a brief overview of the status of approval for bactericides, and introduced Mr. Charlie Clark and Dr. David Daiker from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Pesticide Registration. Mr. Clark gave a presentation on the process for emergency exemptions, an update on Section 18 Tree Health application, and Commissioner Adam Putnam's emergency exemption and crisis declaration allowing the use of the antibiotics contained in the application. Mr. Clark, Mr. Botts, Mr. Rackley and Dr. Daiker responded to questions.

Executive Committee: The next step in the CRDF strategic planning process commenced with Dr. Browning introducing Dr. Tracy Irani and Dr. Angie Lindsey, from the UF Public Issues Education Center of University of Florida, to facilitate the strategic planning discussions, and requested authorization to reimburse UF for the services and travel expenses of the two facilitators. Mr. Kress made a motion to approve reimbursement of the UF facilitators' time and travel up to \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newlin and passed unanimously.

Dr. Irani outlined the goals for the day of prioritizing the strategic plan initiatives for the next six years. Members of the Board provided input on prioritization of the initiatives as well as outlining those that do

not fall under the Foundation mission, but for which the Foundation could provide direction or facilitation. The discussion covered a range of issues including how CRDF might look at the core initiatives, short-term topics and mid-long term initiatives, and make early progress in implementing these two initiatives. While the entire set of initiatives were covered in a broad discussion, these first two were highlighted as most important for CRDF to address in the short term. Board members agreed that these should remain the core area for CRDF attention. During the discussion of Initiative number 2, mid-long-term solutions, Dr. Irani invited Dr. Tim Anglea of Coca-Cola to present an overview of Engaging the Private Sector in Citrus Greening Research, outlining the challenges of the research and funding, and outlined a 5-year program totaling \$29.8MM involving Bayer CropScience, to facilitate rapid development and commercialization of new bactericides. Collaborations mentioned in the presentation included Dr. Kim Lewis, Northeastern University, for culturing *CLas* and developing a screen for new active ingredients; the IBM Silicon Valley research facility in Almaden for providing Antimicrobial Polymers, and the Bayer CropScience R&D community. The program outlined a funding consortium involving the Coca Cola Company, Pepsico, as well as substantial funding requests that would have to be made to the USDA and to the CRDF. Mr. Kress made a motion to direct Staff to sort out the funding availability questions and direct Dr. Anglea and his colleagues to obtain additional details on the project from Bayer CropScience. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

The strategic planning discussion resumed with plans for next steps, including a set of recommendations to be brought forward at the next board meeting based on the discussion of the first two initiatives, as well as continued discussion of how CRDF can participate and contribute to meeting the other initiatives outlined in the strategic planning report.

Future CRDF Meetings: Board of Directors meeting – April 26, 2016

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jerry Newlin