

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
January 4, 2018

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Ben Hill Griffin Hall, in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 11:42 am by Vice Chairman Ricke Kress. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Executive Committee members present were: Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa; Mr. Jerry Newlin; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Mr. Tom Jerkins did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Tim Anglea (telephone); Mr. Rob Atchley; Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Larry Black; Ms. Brandy Brown; Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Mr. Aedan Dowling (telephone); Mr. Tim Eyrich; Mr. Ned Hancock; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Ben McLean; Ms. Audrey Nowicki (telephone); Dr. Pat Ouimet (telephone); Dr. Michael Rogers; Dr. Stephanie Slinski (telephone); Mr. John Updike and Dr. Lisa Weaver.

Mr. Newlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017, March 27, 2017, August 22, 2017 Executive Committee meeting, and with November 30, 2017 meeting minutes to be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress discussed the issues raised by UF on UF/CRDF relations at the November 30, 2017 Executive Committee, and encouraged input from Committee and Board members. He also asked for public comment. He cited materials that were made available to Board members prior to the meeting, and sought discussion on how the Executive Committee wished to instruct follow-up by staff. The information assembled by staff assisted in both informing board members and in considering priorities for response. Comments from individual board members and guests followed.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to recommend a letter be forwarded to Vice-President Payne from the President of the Board, conveying access to the Executive Committee assembled materials and summarizing how CRDF has been evaluating the November 30, 2017 comments. The motion included invitation for a meeting between CRDF Executive Committee and the IFAS Vice-President to discuss forward direction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newlin and passed unanimously.

Staff was instructed to facilitate scheduling a meeting with the Vice-President at earliest opportunity.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by Harold Browning