

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
Minutes of Closed Executive Committee Meeting
March 5, 2018

A closed meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the University of Florida, IFAS, CREC, Ben Hill Griffin Hall, in Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Larry Black. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Executive Committee members present were: Mr. Larry Black; Mr. Ned Hancock; Mr. Ricke Kress (telephone); Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa (telephone); and Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone). Also participating were: Mr. Rob Atchley; Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. David Howard; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ben McLean; and Mr. John Updike (telephone).

The president opened the meeting with welcome and indicated that there was an issue to be presented to the Board of Directors. He then introduced Tom Jerkins to present the situation. Mr. Jerkins related activities at Premier Citrus dating back to 2014 involving independent evaluation of chemicals, and more recently to engage with novel technology innovators to test for improved absorption into citrus plants of bactericides targeting CLAs. He described steps Premier Citrus has taken to move these combined materials and application technology along and concluded with the announcement that Premier Citrus had hired Dr. Harold Browning to join Premier Citrus in its efforts to rapidly field test the ability of this combination of tools to impact HLB. The announcement included that Dr. Browning will end employment with CRDF on March 31, 2018.

A brief Q&A followed, where Executive Committee Members and Board members inquired about status, timing and other details of the testing of HLB treatment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Minutes submitted by Harold Browning