

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

April 25, 2017

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 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 9:33 a.m. by Vice President Ricke Kress. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board members present were: Mr. Bobby Barben; Mr. Larry Black; Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Mr. Ned Hancock; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa (telephone); Mr. Ben McLean; Mr. Jerry Newlin; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Dr. Jackie Burns, Dr. Greg Hodges, and Mr. Tom Jerkins did not participate. Also participating were: Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Catherine Hatcher; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Dr. Pat Ouimet; Dr. Michael Rogers; Dr. Brian Scully; Dr. Stephanie Slinski; and Dr. Tom Turpen (telephone).

Also in attendance were: Mr. Dennis Broadaway; Ms. Brandy Brown, Mr. Dan Casper; Mr. Aedan Dowling; Dr. Jim Dukowitz (telephone); Mr. Kevin Gaffney (telephone); Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone); Ms. Brandi Goller; Ms. Audrey Nowicki (telephone); Mr. Tim Sink; Mr. Steve Smith; and Ms. Callie Walker.

Mr. Simmons moved to accept the Minutes of the March 28, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

Executive Committee: The committee did not meet in April.

Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman Hugh Thompson reviewed the Financial Summary and Accompanying Statements. Dr. Browning discussed project underspend and plans to move forward. Mr. Davis moved to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mastrodicasa and passed unanimously.

Mr. Thompson gave a brief update on FY 2017-18 budget planning.

Long Term Research Funding and Legislative Matters: Dr. Browning gave an update on the State and Federal funding programs, including status of the FY 2017-18 funding request for support of HLB research.

Governance Committee: Chairman Ricke Kress excused the CRDF staff for discussion of the COO evaluation. A final report was provided to the board members and there was discussion of the COO evaluation. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the COO Evaluation and file the appropriate report to UF by Mr. Kress. Mr. Hancock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress recommended accepting the COI review for FY 2017-18 and filing the report. Mr. Davis made the motion. Mr. Hancock seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress reported on the Senior Program Manager position, which is pending UF approval, after which it can be posted.

Mr. Kress reported that the Governance Committee would bring a motion to the Board for possible revision to the by-laws to enable Emeritus Board Member Status. There will also be a finance resolution

for the current banking approval processes. Further discussion included holding on a decision on Emeritus Status until more input is received from the industry about the term limits in place.

Research Management Committee: Chairman Bobby Barben asked Dr. Catherine Hatcher to give an update on Plant Improvement organization.

Mr. Barben made a motion for ARS to provide better communication and all information about current field trials to Dr. Hatcher before moving forward with advanced or combined field trials. In addition, CRDF should release hold on funding of relevant projects to allow continued research. Mr. Hancock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barben made a motion to inform UF-IFAS that until further information requested in the letter is provided, the related project funding will continue to be on hold and the concerns expressed in the letter will remain in place. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was defeated with a split vote.

Commercial Product Delivery Committee: Chairman Ben McLean reported on the April 24th CPDC Meeting and gave project updates and recommendations.

Mr. McLean made a motion to request further details for possible continuation for a second year project #15-049C Booker “Evaluation of minimal-risk and biopesticide products as a protectant and therapy for HLB”. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and passed with one opposing vote from Mr. Black. Scope of work and budget for this extension will be presented at future CPDC and Board meetings.

Mr. McLean made a motion to approve project #17-001C Stelinski “Insecticide resistance management in Florida citrus production.” for 2 years at \$226,247. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McLean made a motion to approve continuation of project #16-027C Futch “Determine impact of Reglone application on killing abandoned citrus trees in mature groves - A demonstration.” Mr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress gave an update on the Neonicotinoids being reviewed by the EPA.

Industry Research Coordinating Committee: Chairman Wayne Simmons reported the committee had not met in April.

COO Report: Dr. Browning gave updates on Grower Experience Forensics, NAS meeting in Irvine California, and upcoming grower meetings.

Future CRDF Meetings: Board of Directors meeting – May 23, 2017 in Lake Alfred

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown