

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

**Minutes of the
Governance Committee Meeting
November 30, 2017**

A Meeting of the Governance Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Thursday, November 30, 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 11:15 am by Chairman Ricke Kress and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa (telephone) and Mr. Jerry Newlin. Mr. Ned Hancock did not participate. Others in attendance were: Mr. John Beuttenmuller (telephone); Mr. Larry Black; Ms. Brandy Brown; Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Joe Davis, Jr.; Ms. Brandi Goller (telephone); Mr. Wayne Simmons; Mr. Hugh Thompson; and Mr. John Updike.

Mr. Newlin moved to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jerkins and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress updated the committee on the Board Member Emeritus program and the process to solicit interest in Emeritus Status for those leaving the Board in January 2018. Three of the four board members leaving have requested emeritus status, which include: Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Wayne Simmons; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Mr. Bobby Barben did not request emeritus status. Mr. Newlin made a motion to recommend emeritus status consideration for Board members, Mr. Jerkins, Mr. Simmons and Mr. Thompson whose term ends in January 2018. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mastrodicasa and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress discussed the recognition and development of resolutions for the four members stepping off the Board in 2018 that will be presented at the January 23 Board Meeting.

Mr. Kress informed the committee that Florida Citrus Mutual has appointed Mr. Rob Atchley to the CRDF Board of Directors. Mr. Atchley will be filling the Board position vacated by Mr. Bobby Barben, who recently communicated his interest to step down. Mr. Atchley has completed the conflict of interest forms, since he currently sits on a CRDF committee.

Mr. Kress gave an update on the committees and assignments that will take place in the upcoming year. New appointments related to the Board include a representative to the steering committee for the Bayer project. Mr. Black said he would be willing to serve if Mr. Jerkins does not want to continue in that role.

Dr. Browning gave a three-month status update on Dr. Lisa Weaver, Senior Project Manager. Dr. Tom Turpen and Dr. Jim Dukowitz are formally no longer contractually connected with CRDF, as their obligations for the last contract period have been met.

Mr. Kress and Dr. Browning discussed issues raised by UF IFAS regarding relations with CRDF with the committee. Mr. Newlin made a motion to recommend the Governance Committee to direct staff to follow up as appropriate to gather further information and responses to the issues raised

by UF IFAS regarding relations with CRDF for sharing at a future Executive Committee Meeting.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Jerkins and passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown