

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

January 7, 2014

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the Ben Hill Griffin Hall, Lake Alfred, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Chairman Tom Jerkins. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Tom Jerkins; Dr. Joe Joyce (phone); Mr. Ricke Kress; Mr. Jerry Newlin; and Mr. Hugh Thompson. Also present: Mr. Larry Black; Dr. Harold Browning; Dr. Lisa Conti (phone); Ms. Diane Johnson; Ms. Audrey Nowicki and Dr. Jim Syvertsen.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the February 22, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Newlin, the motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee convened to review the status of trials and projects that have moved from Research Management to Commercial Product Delivery, and the resource needs related to the management of this increasing list of projects. With the volume of work moving forward, the committee discussed how to keep the momentum that is necessary in light of the industry's urgent need for solutions. The committee tasked Dr. Browning as the COO to work with Project Management to see that everything moves along appropriately. In an effort to ensure that resources are available to overcome any obstacles that will slow progress, the suggestion was made that each project be reviewed from a timeline and management perspective, with results presented to the CPDC and Board at first opportunity.

A specific discussion on the management of field trials ensued. Dr. Browning presented a scope of services for a consultant tasked to oversee field trial design and management that will move discussion of the various individual field trials to implementation in 2014. Dr. Jim Syvertsen, a plant physiologist recently retired from UF, IFAS, CREC was recommended to serve in this capacity. His background in citrus physiology and experience with natural occurring microbes, along with the fact that he has worked with many citrus field trials during his career, makes him a suitable candidate for this position. Mr. Kress made a motion to advance the field trial program using the scope of services assignable to Dr. Syvertsen with the caveat that the scope of services be modified to include the current immediate needs as the program evolves. Seconded by Mr. Thompson, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jerkins will ask the Board to ratify this decision at the upcoming Board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Diane Johnson