

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Minutes of the

Box Tax Advisory Council Meeting

June 13, 2018

A meeting of the Box Tax Advisory Council was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in the Calusa Room of the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am by President Larry Black. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Council members present were: Mr. Rob Atchley, Mr. Larry Black, Dr. Jackie Burns, Mr. Joe L. Davis, Jr., Mr. Ned Hancock, Mr. Ricke Kress, Mr. Charlie Lykes, Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Mr. Ben McLean, Mr. Jerry Newlin (telephone) and Mr. John Updike. Dr. Greg Hodges and Mr. David Howard did not participate.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Mike Aerts, Mr. Miles Armstrong, Dr. Calvin Arnold, Dr. John Arthington, Ms. Trina Bane, Mr. Kevin Barley, Mr. Mike Barry, Mr. Bob Behr, Mr. Dan Botts, Mr. Kevin Bouffard, Ms. Brandy Brown, Dr. Harold Browning, Mr. Paul Carr, Mr. Dan Casper, Mr. Joe Craig, Mr. Aedan Dowling, Mr. Tim Eyrich, Mr. Kevin Gaffney, Ms. Sharon Garrett (telephone), Dr. Fred Gmitter (telephone), Ms. Kelsey Gunthorp, Mr. Ron Hamel, Dr. Catherine Hatcher, Ms. Leanna Himrod, Mr. Clay Hollis, Mr. Bruce Ingram, Mr. Mike Irely, Mr. Tom Jerkins, Dr. Denise Manker, Mr. Charles McCartney, Mr. Sean McCoy, Mr. Bo Meador, Mr. Andrew Meadows, Mr. John Morgan, Ms. Audrey Nowicki, Dr. Jack Payne, Dr. Michael Rogers, Mr. Ray Royce, Mr. Andy Russell, Ms. Shannon Shepp, Mr. Dan Skousen, Dr. Stephanie Slinski, Mr. Jim Snively, Mr. Mike Sparks, Ms. Sonia Tighe, Mr. Wade Timpner, Mr. Eric Waldo, Ms. Callie Walker, Mr. Taylor Walters, Mr. Eddie Wertz and Mr. Mitch Willis.

Mr. Kress moved to accept the Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Box Tax Advisory Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress moved to recommend to the Commissioner of Agriculture: (1) that the citrus Box Tax assessment for the 2018-2019 season remain at three (3¢) cents per box; (2) to allow up to \$550,000 of the citrus research marketing order "Box Tax" funds to be used for the Citrus Research and Development Foundation expenses related to the administration of the citrus research marketing order as allowed in Rule 5H-2.003 and section 573.118 F.S.; and (3) to recommend commencement of rulemaking by the Department as may be appropriate to administer the assessment. If the motion is approved, it should be memorialized in a letter to Commissioner Putman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown