



**NOTICE OF A MEETING  
OF THE  
CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 9:00 am EST**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:00 am EST**. This meeting is accessible via Zoom Video Conferencing. To join Zoom Meeting visit <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/94853565638> and enter the Meeting ID: 948 5356 5638 or by dialing 646-558-8656 and entering participant access code/Meeting ID: 948 5356 5638 when prompted.

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# CRDF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – 9:00 am EDT

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting\*
4. **Committee Reports:**

### **Executive Committee**

- A. Report on the November 23, 2020 meeting

### **Finance & Audit Committee**

- A. Review and approval of October 31, 2020 and November 30, 2020 Financial Summaries \*
- B. Review and approval of CRDF Form 990 Return \*

### **Governance Committee**

### **Research Management Committee**

- A. Discussion and reconsideration 2020 Nutrition RFP proposal, E. Johnson 20-004, “Organic acids compared to conventional acidification for improved nutrient uptake and root physiology” \*
- B. Discussion and consideration of continuation of funding for project 18-007, M. Dutt, “Investigating the role of transgenic rootstock-mediated protection of non-transgenic scion” \*
- C. Discussion and consideration of M. Dutt 20-014 off-cycle proposal “Understanding the role of systemic acquired resistance (SAR) in enhancing tolerance to HLB in the Parson Brown sweet orange” \*

### **Commercial Product Delivery Committee**

- A. UF Transformation Labs
  1. UF Report on transition to self-funded transformation labs \*
  2. Consideration of Year 3 funding of V. Orbovic’s 18-066C
  3. Consideration of Year 3 funding of J. Zales’s 18-067C
- B. Summary of November 5th Panel Discussion, "Pure Culture of CLAs: What we know and what we need to know" \*
- C. Consideration of Large-Scale Field Trial CRAFT Proposal
- D. Discussion of off-cycle projects
  1. U. Albrecht, 20-013C, “Control and Suppression of Candidatus liberibacter asiaticus in citrus trees by trunk injections of a novel anti-bacterial compound” \*
  2. M. Ritenour, 19-020, continuation funding \*
  3. D. Gang’s Proposal 20-009C, “Optimization of psyllid-based CLAs in vitro biofilm cultures and their use in testing Koch’s postulates via psyllid transmission”

\*-Materials

4. M. Leslie, Elemental Enzymes Preproposal, “Vismax™: A novel peptide-based therapeutic for mitigation of citrus diseases, including HLB”, Peptide treatment for HLB and other citrus related diseases \*
5. A. Limayen, USF, Preproposal “A Targeting-Nanotherapeutic Design Toward the Eradication of Citrus Greening Disease Originating from Candidatus Liberibacter Infection” - Antimicrobial treatment for HLB \*
6. M. Machata, Chemhedge LLC – Development of bactericide foliage spray applicator to follow hedger/topper after fresh cuts \*

#### **Select Committee on Plant Improvement**

- A. Report on Meeting held December 2, 2020
5. COO Report – Rick Dantzler
6. Special Presentation – D. Horvath, 2Blades Foundation and its success in developing a grapefruit cultivar that shows tolerance against citrus canker
7. Partnership Updates
  - A. Florida Citrus Mutual – Mike Sparks
  - B. UF/IFAS Citrus Program – Michael Rogers
  - C. UF/IFAS Citrus Agents – Representative
8. New Business
9. Public Comments
10. Announcement of Future Meeting: Board of Directors – Tues., January 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment