

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

October 31, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Directors, Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Friday, October 31, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Lake Wales Country Club, 2925 FL-60, Lake Wales, FL 33898. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. Vice-President Joby Sherrod called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board members present were Bill Bohde, John Davis, Chris Gunter, George Hamner, Deeley Hunt, Matt Machata, Trevor Murphy, Joby Sherrod, Sarah Spinosa, and Matt Story.

Vice-President Sherrod turned the meeting over to Mr. Dantzler who gave a slide presentation on CRDF/UF Research Agreements as it related to Intellectual Property and exclusive licensure agreements within the context of CRISPR technology and citrus germplasm licensed to Soilcea. He explained the process outlined in the Research Agreements for how intellectual property emanating from research funded by CRDF was to be handled.

Mr. Dantzler shared the history of CRDF's involvement with UF regarding three exclusive licensing agreements issued to Soilcea, explaining that there was a gap period where it did not appear that the process had been followed, and that UF had proposed a Memorandum of Understanding to address this period. There was good participation by the board on the policy questions involved, and everyone was given an opportunity to express his or her opinion on this matter.

Mr. Dantzler explained that Mingder Yang and John Beuttenmuller of UF were scheduled to provide information at the November 18, 2025, board meeting on how UF handles technology patents and germplasm royalties. In preparation for that meeting, Mr. Dantzler would be having discussions with Dr. Yang, Mr. Buettenmuller, and Yanni Lagos so if board members had questions, to submit them to him.

Future Meeting: The next Board of Directors meeting is November 18, 2025, at Bok Tower, Lake Wales.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by George Hamner, Secretary.