

Minutes for P.I.E. Board Meeting  
Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.  
April 9, 2024  
141 Kettle Harbor Dr.

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present in person: Meryl Schaffer, Linda Cotherman, Lindsay Yates, Deb Knighten, Kathy Sickles and Amy McCully. Kelly Lube attended via phone. Guests in attendance: Amanda Small and Mic McCully.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Lindsay Yates, the minutes for the March 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Member Comments:** None

**Treasurer's Report: Lindsay Yates.**

- Lindsay emailed the financial report to all board members, prior to meeting.
- Meryl Schaffer moved to approve for information. All in favor, no one opposed.

**Corresponding Secretary: Deb Knighten**

- Deb and Meryl spoke briefly about how to manage the sewer issue emails that are coming in.

**Website: Deb Knighten**

- Meeting with Jude Smith went well. Currently brainstorming different ideas for new and improved site.

**Administrative Update: Lindsay Yates**

- A "Thank You" to be done for the tax papers provided by Deirdre Fortune CPA

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Info Central: Susanne Stubbs**

- Susanne was not present. Meryl mentioned pausing any upcoming info central meetings due to the effort and time the upcoming sewer issue will take.

**b. Social: Kathy Sickles, Kelly Lube, Amy McCully**

- Easter Social 3/31/24 was a great turnout.
- Brief discussion of canceling the Drive in Movie Night. Kathy decided to leave it up to Kelly. If Kelly wanted to handle it, that would be fine. The general consensus of the board was that they wouldn't attend due to lack of interest. And that Kathy would be out of town.

**c. Island Watch/Roads and Bridges/Fire District: Linda Cotherman**

- In regards to the sagging utility lines in Bocilla lagoon at the Anne Merry Bridge, Linda Cotherman has a new contact to reach out to.

- In Linda's recent meeting with Adam from PIT, in an effort to address the long lines at the ferry, he mentioned looking into a Panama-side, Tides and Winds sign to be posted to show whether or not they are taking high-profile vehicles.
  - Lindsay Yates left the room for the following conversation: Linda spoke about the possibility of adding a golf cart path/cart crossing lines along the ferry waiting line on the island side.
- d. **Community Liaison: Linda Cotherman, Amy McCully**
- Nothing new to report.
- e. **Scholarships: Kelly Lube, Amy McCully**
- Nothing new to report.
- f. **Membership/Welcome: Lindsay Yates, Deb Knighten**
- Deb wants to send out "Where ya been" letters to previous members who are not currently paid dues members. Meryl stated she already did that, and Deb mentioned she'd like to personally reach out.
  - Deb wants to see the PIE facebook page gain more traction.
- g. **Communications: Deb Knighten, Kelly Lube, Susanne Stubbs**
- Kelly brought up PIE streaming a LIVE webcam near/at the ferry landing. Logistics were discussed briefly. Linda agreed to ask Palm Island Transit about them doing it.
- h. **Nominating: Amy McCully**
- Amy's prior suggestion of Joni Cole joined BICI instead but is interested in volunteering with PIE in the future.
  - Amanda Small attended the meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Charlotte County property appraiser has relayed to Linda that PIE is no longer listed as owner of the community lot at Bocilla and S. Gulf Blvd.

**New Business: Central Sewer**

- The "notice of application" letters went out to island homeowners. The 30 day window to send in opposition letters was discussed. We encourage members to write their own letters of opposition and sign up as "interested party" and ask to be put on their list. The PSC is the state agency that governs utilities ONLY. There are 5 commissioners, 3 of which attend the service hearing. They have the final say.
- The ACTION COMMITTEE needs volunteers.
- Kathy made a motion to call for a vote to re-hire Brad. All in favor. No objections. PIE will be paying Brad to get our balance for the retainer in place.
- PIE fb page to link a video of the last hearing.

**Non Agenda items:**

- None

Kelly Lube dropped off at 6:05pm. Meryl made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Amy McCully, Recording Secretary. Submitted 4/17/24