

Minutes for P.I.E. Board Meeting  
Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.  
October 21, 2024  
141 Kettle Harbor Dr.

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present in person: Meryl Schaffer, Lindsay Yates, Amy McCully, Kelly Lube, Amanda Small and Deb Knighten. Linda Cotherman and Susanne Stubbs joined via phone. Kathy Sickles and George Sinnett were not able to attend. Ember Harker joined in person at 5:19pm.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Lindsay, the minutes for the September 9, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

- Lindsay emailed the financial report to all board members, prior to meeting.

**Administrative Update: Meryl Schaffer**

- Set number of directors for 2025: A motion to set members for 2025 at 9 people was made by Lindsay. All in favor, no one opposed.
- Who is remaining on the board/on the ballot? Deb Knighten, Kelly Lube, Linda Cotherman and George Sinnett's terms are up January 2025 and all plan to stay on the board. Meryl Schaffer, Lindsay Yates and Amanda Small are stepping down as of January 2025. Amanda and Lindsay will prepare administrative items for the annual meeting.
- Set annual meeting date: January 4, 2025 10:00 am at Fire house station 10
- Side note: Lindsay Yates, listed as the registered agent for PIE, was served foreclosure paperwork for 500 Kettle Harbor Dr. She will work on that.

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Social: Kelly Lube, Amy McCully, Ember Harker**

- Trunk or Treat will be held at 59 Bayshore Circle from 5-7pm on 10/26/24. Food will be generously donated, prepared and served by the DeFilippis family.

**b. Community Liaison: Linda Cotherman, Amy McCully**

- Residents of the island voiced concern via facebook post seeking a post natural disaster liaison for the community. Linda clarified that Adam Beckstead of Palm Island transit does not want to be the "middleman" between the county and island residents. The board members agreed that Kelly and Linda have been doing a great job keeping the islanders up to date with information. Moving forward, their informational posts to communicate in this form will be signed, Linda Cotherman, Disaster/Community Liaison  
Defer further conversation of implementing a community liaison committee to November meeting.

Linda would like help getting into the PIE facebook page to be able to post properly.

**c. Communications: Deb Knighten, Ember Harker, Susanne Stubbs**

- E-mail to be sent out this week with updates post storm.
- Communications team will investigate how to turn off “commenting” on facebook posts.

**d. PIE Action: Linda Cotherman/Meryl Schaffer**

- PIE applied for an extension after hurricane Helene for intervener testimonies. That extension was pushed to November 1, 2024
- LGIPA is working with an expert in construction costs and engineering.
- All testimonies and write ups are going well.
- The PSC staff sent Environmental Utilities a list of questions before hurricane Milton. Check docket for more info.
- EU has rolled out their “Learn the Truth” campaign. Rumors are flying that Jack Boyer is lobbying county commissioners and at the state level in Tallahassee, that he is in negotiations with two legislators to propose a deal for the state to put up money to lower the cost of installation of sewer, and is floating the idea of a county loan program for a portion of the install. Absolutely zero evidence, verification or documentation has been found to substantiate the above rumors.
- Meryl and Lindsay, although stepping down from the PIE board, are still considering staying on the action committee and will have a decision at the November meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Meryl apologized for losing track of time during evacuations and “dropping the ball” on writing and submitting a letter of opposition on behalf of the PIE board on the construction/build at Beach Place, application CH000724. She asked that Deb write a letter and Meryl would proof and send it.

**New Business:**

- The dune restoration project from the past is now far larger and the county is working on an Emergency Renourishment. Linda will have updates soon.
- Post Hurricane ideas: PIE to organize a help/volunteer group to clear curbside and the potential of empty lots. Amy will ask George to organize/compile a list of charities/organizations that will come to the island and help.

**Comments:**

- Meryl extended her sympathies to all board members for their losses after two back to back storms. She also thanked each member for taking the time to be at the meeting to support the community in such a hectic time.

**Non Agenda items:**

- PIE bulletin board at Palm Dr and N Gulf Blvd is no longer after both hurricanes. Defer to November meeting.
- Where are PIE beach access signs? Email to go out to the community about returning to Linda Cotherman when found.

Meryl made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Amy McCully, Recording Secretary. Submitted 10/21/24