

May 2025 - Meeting Notes for Palm Island Estates (PIE) Board of Directors

The meeting took place May 12, 2025. It started at 5:01pm and adjourned at 6:51pm.

In Attendance:

- Amy McCully - attended in person
- Linda Cotheman - attended in person
- Deb Knighten - attended in person
- Kelly Lube - attended in person
- Ember Harker - attended in person
- Susanne Stubbs - excused
- George Sinnett - attended in person
- Mic McCully - attended in person

Guests:

- Jude Smith
- Lisa Haney (Joined at 5:09)

Recording Secretary - Ember Harker

- March Minutes - approved
- **ACTION: Ember to post last month's minutes to the website**

Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Lube

- Got an email about one of the PIE easements not being properly re-established and not properly marked. But the communication has been resolved and that easement will be part of the 13 easements being addressed.

Treasurer - Deb Knighten

- Sent bank account balances via email
- Also sent the budget with year to date expenditure vs budgeted amount. She'll be using this format moving forward.
- Treasurer's report approved as information
- Debit cards - she got 5 cards, 1 for each of the officers
 - Board members were uncomfortable with this many cards.
 - Any purchase should be approved by Deb in advance
 - Board discussed credit card or smart prepaid cards
 - Deb to review options and report back next month

- Motion approved to keep two cards - one for Deb and one for Kelly. The rest will be destroyed.

Administrative - Deb Knighten

- Working to simplify bookkeeping and creating a customer base in Quickbooks and assign a household to avoid partner duplication.

Committee Reports

Action - Linda Cotherman

- PSC officially filed the final notice that outlined why they denied the EU application
 - From today, EU has 15 days to ask them to reconsider
 - If he does, there will be attorney fees associated even if PSC declines
 - EU has 30 days to appeal to a higher court
 - If no appeal, we should be done completed in a few months

Social - Kelly Lube

- Drum circle is next, looking for a facilitator

Info Central - Susanne Stubbs

- Island Fire Brigade Kid's Day
- Suzanne: Work with Charlotte County to see if they will provide hats, stickers, etc

Island Watch, Roads & Bridges, Barrier Island Fire District - Linda Cotherman

- R&B meeting coming up on Thursday
- Ray Smith does the **flag at the ferry landing**. For National (not state) he puts it to half mast. He will text the board and we will post these notices so islanders know.
- **House numbers** - has done 3 replacements but we need to replace more. **But we want to do a promotion email and promotion that links to a form. It's free to PIE members only.**
 - It needs to be on the street (where a mailbox would be)
- **Beach Easements** - signs are missing on 1, 2, & 3. We have signs for 4 & 7 (need to be remounted on 4x4 posts.) We are looking into who can fabricate them.
 - Small pilings and posts / ropes need to be replaced
 - Need a new "adopt an easement" program after they are fixed. Could be a big program with name recognition.
 - Next steps: Get costs and audit which ones need posts, etc.
 - Ask Sherman to go and look and them all and get us a cost
- **Fire Meeting:** asking for new trucks in the next few years

- Permit in process to rebuild the current **on-island ramp** and put a second ramp by the barge landing where the gazebo is. (the Gazebo would be moved) Not sure why a second ramp, but may be based on tides.
 - Gazebo is PIE property
- **Repaving of Panama Blvd.** is coming, we don't have a date yet.
- **Great American Cleanup by BICI**
 - Two dumpsters were filled. Hit most streets.
 - Going to try to do another one. Many people have expressed interest in making this quarterly.
- Green Century Link cable boxes are going to be replaced, but the covers are on back order
- Speed detector signs - being discussed in next R&B meetings. They are expensive.

Community Liaison - Linda Cotherman

- Recent golf cart accident
 - Put out a reminder on golf cart safety - we have lots of content on the PIE site

Scholarship - Kelly Lube

- At Lemon Bay High Scholarship night, we could award the PIE scholarship in person in front of the larger community

Membership - George Sinnott

- 5 more households month-over-month
- Notecards order for new residents, sent via mail
- Sent out a survey to people who hadn't renewed.
 - 7 said oops, I forgot and most have since paid.
 - 4 are no longer residents.
 - 1 said they aren't aligned with PIE.
 - 1 said she thought she did pay. 1 is an LGI renter that has supported action. (He needs to be tagged as action)
 - Any non owner that has donated needs to be asked if they want to consider it as a donation.
 - 1 said he was not interested but happy to help Kelly and Linda

Communications - Ember Harker

- **Website:** Completed. To do final review and then turn off Weebly.
- **Reusable Sign:**
 - Presented two sign options that are reusable and weather-proof
 - Board voted to take Uline version to BICI board for approval of 50% cost

Old Business

- **Ferry Cam** - They did a test and there wasn't enough bandwidth. Looking at new options that are more industrial. There's one near sharkies that we can inquire about.
- **Board Buttons** - No followup
- **Business Cards** - No followup (just a general purpose PIE card)

New Business

- Speed detector signs

Comments from Guests

- none