

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

The meeting took place June 9th, 2025. It started at 5:04pm and adjourned at 6:15pm.

In Attendance:

- Amy McCully - attended in person
- Linda Cotherman - attended in person
- Deb Knighten - attended via phone
- Kelly Lube - attended in person
- Ember Harker - attended in person
- Susanne Stubbs - Excused
- George Sinnett - Excused
- Mic McCully - Excused

Guests:

- Meryl Schaffer
- Jude Smith

Recording Secretary - Ember Harker

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

Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Lube

- Nothing to report

Treasurer - Deb Knighten

- Emailed prior to the call to the board members
- She added the action fund and actual bank account totals
- Motion to accept the report as information - approved

Administrative - Deb Knighten

- Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Action - Linda Cotherman

- County got 3 bids from engineer companies to proceed with the neighborhood plan
 - That means the community plan from 20 years ago which was the result of a series of workshops with the community, the county and an engineering firm. Everyone was able to discuss and agree on items that might be considered issues on the island (such as iguanas, landscaping, sewer, or bridges.)
 - It's available on the PIE website
 - This means that the community plan (now called a neighborhood plan) is finally moving forward. It's funded through Roads and Bridges. The engineers are needed to revise the original plan.
 - It tells the county who we are, how we perceive ourselves, and how we wish to be governed. Now they'll have a firm document to refer to so they can respect our wishes.
 - Meryl and Linda wish to take over as the action committee to:
 - Start updating the plan (so it moves along faster)
 - Engage the property and homeowners via website, emails, social, etc. via bite sized pieces and start getting feedback so we can help fast track the engineers
- Sewer has 3 more days for the last deadline and there's been no movement

Social - Kelly Lube

- Drum circle went well
- Next up is Sand Castle Contest July 4, 2025

Info Central - Susanne Stubbs

- Firehouse kids went well. Lots of kids showed up and had a good time. It was an educational event.
- In lieu of the recent ferry events, perhaps a boater safety event
- Lithium battery event

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

- Per Hector Flores, county administrator: Beach Renourishment is on hold while they look for other funding sources.
- Bridgeless Barrier Island Survey was closed with a conclusion to not add a bridge
- New Beach Access Signs - Found one same as before but made of Pine instead of Cedar. Expected to be \$300 each.
 - Budget is in walkovers and signs
 - Voted to make a budget for ~\$1k for this.

- Sherman said we need to drop off 5, 10ft 4x4 posts at each access. He's \$40/hour
 - Home depot will cut them down
 - Could do a fundraiser to adopt an easement
 - Would like to have 4th of July at the access nearest access 6
 - Motion approved to get the materials for 1, 2, 3, and 6.

Community Liaison - Linda Cotherman

- Nothing to report

Scholarship - Kelly Lube

- Nothing to report

Membership - George Sinnett

- Last month 188 members, this month 193 (last year was 245)
- We expanded on the membership benefits on the site
- Meryl suggests continuing to remind past members
- Deb recommends personalized outreach, with new builds
- George sent cards out to two new homeowners
- George plans to meet with resort

Communications - Ember Harker

- **Website:** everytime we bring over the old site content, we update it. It should all be here. We'll do one more comb through, but it's 95% done.
 - Start promoting it.
- **Reusable Sign:** BICI said yes to paying for half of the Uline signs. They'll be stored in the PIE shed.
 - Ember to order them this week
- **Create a sign for Social** - Ember to create a "Do you love this event? Donate"

Old Business

- **Ferry Cam** - On hold. Remove from next agenda.
 - Current camera company doesn't have anything that will work
 - Looking at a live stream camera to a website
 - Keep simple, looking for stills instead of live video due to power
- **Board Buttons** - no update - would like before 4th of July - Ember to get printed
- **Business Cards** - no update - Ember to get printed

New Business

- None

Comments from Guests

- **Meryl** - email sending has slowed down noticeably. We need to make sure those are going out for the events, especially via email.
 - Recommend a monthly newsletter (can include BICI updates)
- **Jude** - revisit SMS alerts shared with BICI. Need to get the size of the BICI database.
- **Jude** - asked about maintenance of the road along Pinfish Point between the two bridges. It's an overgrown, invasive plant, and in the right of way. It's on the Roads & Bridges list, but hasn't gotten done.