

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

The meeting took place Sept 8, 2025. It started at 5:01pm and adjourned at 6:14pm.

In Attendance:

- Amy McCully - attended in person
- Linda Cotheman - attended in person
- Deb Knighten - attended in person 5:03
- Kelly Lube - attended via phone
- Ember Harker - attended in person
- Susanne Stubbs - attended via phone a few minutes late
- George Sinnett - excused
- Mic McCully - attended in person

Guests:

- Diana Reed
- Meryl Shaffer

Recording Secretary - Ember Harker

- March Minutes - Ember made a motion to approve last month's minutes
- **ACTION: Ember to post last month's minutes to the website**

Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Lube

- Nothing to report

Treasurer - Deb Knighten

- Bank Account is at \$3140, through the end of the year we have budgeted expenses of \$3876. Deb to move some money from savings to cover expenses.
- **ACTION: Deb to fix error in July treasurers report for the treasurers record**
- *Linda made a motion and the Treasurer's report was approved for information*

Administrative - Deb Knighten

- **ACTION: Pay for the PO Box at the post office and update the name and email to the official PIE email associated with it.**

Committee Reports

Action - Linda Cotherman

- Nothing to report beyond what Meryl shared

Social - Kelly Lube

- Trunk or Treat location to be the common at Bocilla & S. Gulf. Linda to confirm with BICI
- Trying to work out the logistics of who is Santa at Donuts
- Deb checked in on the remaining budget in social and Kelly believes she'll have enough

Info Central - Susanne Stubbs

- Susanne will be here - and George may - not to run the event. Linda to offer to drive Bill Truex over the ferry although he usually drives himself.
- Amy has all tables and chairs. Linda to make sure they pull the trucks out. Saturday morning they can go over ~noon. Kelly to bring microphone and speaker. Linda recommends we reach out to Bill Truex with some topic areas that may come up.

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

- **Fire District** - Budgeting for new fire trucks in the next couple years. They are rotating people into our firehouse for 2-3 months rather than full time people. (One new person with one seasoned person)
- **Beach Easements** - Linda went and reviewed each location. She trimmed anything blocking the signs. She noted that many are lined by posts or bushes from the neighbors. For the ones that need a clarified path, she proposes 3 posts with ropes. There's been some inquiries about making a few wide enough for handicap chairs and we confirmed that the width is sufficient for a handicap chair. Ember suggested an [official roll out matt](#) for handicap access. Amy suggested an adopt an easement after we get the entries fixed.
- **Next BICI Cleanup** - Sept 20, 8-11am is the official international coastal cleanup day. We might be able to get a dumpster.
- **Roads & Bridges** - meeting coming up in November after the Nov PIE meeting
- **Island Watch** - changing name to Island Updates
 - Action - Ember to update the site

Community Liaison - Linda Cotherman

- Nothing to report

Scholarship - Kelly Lube

- Two gardening projects that Lilly and Teagan are going to start in the next months

- Trying to come up with an idea for Elliot
 - Amy suggested that he repaint the Egret it and Turtle signs
 - Amy will also ask him about putting in the posts on the easements
- Declan and his mom are working on a wind phone

Membership - George Sinnett

- We have three new members
- She sent letters to three new property owners

Communications - Ember Harker

- **Website:** going to move forward with reorging the sewer section out of the main nav. Board members are encouraged to send changes or report when they find an error.

Old Business

New Business

- Next month - we need to start planning the annual meeting and determine which members are staying and who is not.

Comments from Guests

- **Meryl Schaffer** - Neighborhood plan strategy update. Since Bill Truex is coming on Saturday 2-4pm at the Firehouse, we feel we should get our info related to island issues.
 - Emails:
 - We've got an email going out on the RoW likely tomorrow. We haven't had any update from the county about the RoW meeting.
 - Very few people know about HB77, state bill for conservation district. Also, I want that to go out before the Bill Truex meeting.
 - Then a prelude to the vision statement. What plan is and isn't....what it's for and how it differs from the state bill and the neighborhood plan.
 - First public meeting are not set, but like after new years
 - Concerned about opposition to the neighborhood planning process. Last time we found out too late that there was opposition (mostly based on false rumors). That opposition caused the county to back off. They said they would do a town hall meeting but didn't.
 - This time we want to make sure everyone is well informed and lobbying amongst the community. If rumors start, we flag them so we can address them quickly and directly.