

February Minutes 2026 - Meeting Notes for Palm Island Estates (PIE) Board of Directors

The meeting took place February 9th, 2026. It started at 5:08pm and adjourned at 6:50pm.

In Attendance:

- Amy McCully - attended in person
- Linda Cotheman - attended in person
- Deb Knighten - attended in person
- Kelly Lube - attended via call
- Ember Harker - attended in person
- Kenya Leonard - excused
- George Sinnett - attended in person
- Mic McCully - arrived at 5:43pm

Guests:

- Jude Smith
- Jeanie Adams

Recording Secretary - Ember Harker

- Last Month's Minutes - Motion to approve minutes approved unanimously
- **ACTION: Ember to post last month's minutes to the website**

Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Lube

- Amy followed up from Ralph re: beach signs from last month's meeting. No response
- Linda followed up with Terry on the iguana count

Treasurer - Deb Knighten

- Deb sent a report via email
- Deb is having some issues with reporting. She's going to connect with Jen for troubleshooting / support.
- Motion to approve report as information approved unanimously

Administrative - Deb Knighten

- Deb is still talking with Nat about competitive insurance rates.
- **Action: Deb to lock in Key Agency and continue to look for a better policy**

Committee Reports

Action - Linda Cotherman

- WCIND Ferry location was declined. WCIND board said it's up to Freedom Transit to find a different location.
- Commissioner Tiseo brought up at a BCC, Board of County Commissioners, to review the current Palm Island Transit 5-year lease which renews in 2028

Island Updates - Linda Cotherman

- To help clarify the "private" beach access signs board decided to add a small sign that says "for residents and guests" that ideally goes post to post. **ACTION: Amy to get pricing from Etsy person and other options if too expensive**

Community Liaison - Linda Cotherman

- Nothing from Billy

Social - Kelly Lube

- Palm Palooza this weekend 2-6. \$250 for each musician. **ACTION: Linda to talk to ferry about musicians and food truck**
- Art in the Palms - Feedback from many locals said it was like a reunion where older islanders returned. People wished there were more vendors and there was more variety and craft style items. 364 people came across from the mainland.
- Resort poker run - Linda is talking with the resort about BICI hosting two stops and board agreed PIE could help support that.
- The idea was presented to host an Ice Cream Social in the resort to try to engage the resort owners to join / participate in PIE.
- **Scholarship - Kelly Lube**
- **ACTION: Kelly is going to need a check for Jett for \$1000 to present at Palm Palooza**

Info Central -

- **ACTION: Ember to follow up with Kevin Stevens / Freedom Transit**

Membership - George Sinnett

- 212 current members which is more than we had last year. Lots of new people who hadn't been members in a few years.
- **ACTION: Ember to make PIE promotion**
- **ACTION: PIE and PIES posters**
- Member Party - create committee of long time islanders Pat Gordon, Soosie Sermons, Kris & Jim, Kathy Sickly, Susan Scribner, Rose Malone and look for potential date
- **ACTION: Ember to make social posts pushing membership**

- ACTION: George to follow up with new homeowners at 430 N. Gulf and house on Palm Drive that got a new paint job

Communications - Ember Harker

- Migration complete to new MailChimp Account
- Testing starting for SMS messages
- Palm Palooza being promoted on site, social and signage
- Plans for some PIES promotions and signage
- Traffic camera moving forward. We have the proof of concept. Need to re-set it up as PIE instead of a personal account. This means creating a PIE youtube account and adding some content so we don't get flagged as a bad account.

Old Business

- Election of officers
 - President - Amy
 - Vice President - Linda
 - Treasurer - Deb
 - Administrative Secretary - Mic
 - Recording Secretary - Ember
- Motion to approve officers approved unanimously
- Board Members
 - ACTION: Amy to ask Kenya to do another 90 days
 - Jeanie interested in taking over InfoCentral
 - Motion to elect Jeanie to the board approved unanimously. 90 day trial ends in June Meeting

New Business

- Kelly said she has two new eco-education signs for BICI. She wants to put it near the ferry landing. She thinks the best place is near the flag pole. She would like to remove the native plant garden sign that is very old and put in the new eco education sign.
 - Concern was raised about making sure it's out of the way for people
 - Board recommended that PIE sign be removed from the area and BICI to take over the maintenance of the flagpole area
 - Motion for approval was made and passed unanimously.
 - ACTION: Ember to remove demo garden content from the website
- The idea was suggested to do an island wide curb alert / swap meet.

Comments from Guests

- Jude would like to volunteer to help with Scholarship Committee