

**BARRIER ISLAND FIRE SERVICE**

**ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Friday, April 25, 2025**

**9:30 A.M. Mac. V Horton West County Annex**  
**Conference Room**  
**6868 San Casa Drive**  
**Englewood, FL 34224**

**Members Present:** Candyce Cohen, Linda Cotherman, James Gordon, and Mark Healey.

**County Staff:** Chief Jason Fair, Megan Hamrick, and Dawn Johnston

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Changes to the Agenda/Motion to approve changes:** No Changes were made, and the agenda was approved.

**Approval of April 26, 2024 Minutes:**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3-Minute Limit):** no citizens attended the meeting.

**Financial Report Discussion:** Megan Hamrick reviewed the Fund Financial Report – Quarter 2 (Oct. 1, 2024 – Mar. 31, 2025). There was discussion on actuals, personnel, operating expenses, Reserves, Heavy Equipment Replacement, vehicle life cycle, and amortization.

**Unfinished business:**

- **Update on S. Gulf Blvd. access:** There was discussion on permits, Bocilla Utility, access, private property, water meter, bollards, landscape, survey, Beach Bay, gate, authority, crew awareness, response, and road clearing. Board requested information at next meeting pertaining to Bocilla Utility and permits.
- **Continued discussion about Florida-friendly landscaping:** Linda Cotherman mentioned the conservancy and a plan needed to be submitted.

**New Business:**

- **Sunshine Law Review:** Postponed until July 25, 2025 Meeting.
- **Open Vacancy:** Will check if new applications were received.
- **Apparatus Replacement Updates:** There was discussion on cost estimate, capabilities, tanker replacement, and pumper.

**Advisory Board Open Discussion:** There was discussion on flag, protocol, station re-entry, messaging, landscaping, property fires, FPL, lithium batteries, fire flow testing, barge, personnel, and Englewood Fire District.

**Schedule Future Meetings:**

- October 31, 2025 *ggy*
- January 30, 2026 *ggy*
- April 30, 2026
- July 30, 2026

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by: Dawn Johnston



1-30-2026

Chair Signature / Date