

BARRIER ISLAND FIRE SERVICE

ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING Friday, July 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, and James Gordon.

County Staff: Carole Thomas 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 25, 2025 Minutes: April 25, 2025 Minutes were not approved. Amendments were recommended and approved unanimously. Minutes to come back at next meeting for approval.

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

Financial Report Discussion: Carole Thomas reviewed the Fund Financial Report – Quarter 3 (Oct. 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). There was discussion on Personnel Services and Operating Expenses. Carole Thomas will follow-up on personnel charges and provide update at next meeting.

Unfinished business:

- **Update on S. Gulf Blvd. access:** There was discussion on permits, utilities, and Fire/EMS response.
- **Continued discussion about Florida-friendly landscaping:** No update and can be removed from next agenda.
- **Open Vacancy:** There was discussion on prospective new members, Terry Miklos, and Palm Island Estates (PIE) newsletter.

New Business:

- **Sunshine Law Review:** Watched County Attorney Knowlton Sunshine Law video presentation and there was discussion on email replies.
- **Apparatus Replacement Updates:** There was discussion on Engine 10, delivery, outfitting, medical emergency response vehicle (MERV) replacement, Pumper 10, budget, and cost.
- **Island Communication During Storms:** There was discussion on flag display.
- **Station 10 Staffing Rotation:** There was discussion on personnel rotation, August start time, concerns, medical issues, road challenges, information distribution, South Gulf Boulevard, 911 calls, delays, vehicle routes, addresses. Board requested verification of station that will be rotating with Station 10, personnel protocols, information distribution, and possibly have 911 at next meeting.

Advisory Board Open Discussion: There was discussion on Bocilla Utilities, permits, original plats, addresses, changes, safety issues, access, and Property Appraiser information. Board inquired to Fire/EMS having issue if addresses were changed.

Items for the Next Agenda / Meeting October 31, 2025:

Board requested that changes to Preserve address be added to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Submitted by: Dawn Johnston



1-30-2026

Chair Signature / Date