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## PBCE Landowners Meeting Minutes for 1/8/2026

The meeting was called to order by 1st VP Greta Foriere at 7:30 PM with board members Secretary Bob Berman and Treasurer April Lundgren as well as 15 residents present. Greta shared condolences and prayers for President Eric Freeman, absent due to a loss in the family.



**Sheriff's report:** Deputy Woods had nothing to report but shared safety advice. He reminded us to come to a complete stop at stop signs. Please look left, right, and left again before proceeding. Please slow down on 69th Drive and 155th Place. Most of the traffic stops in PBCE are of residents. The Sheriff will be focused on reckless operation of eBikes and golf carts. Be careful at intersections and roundabouts. Even though the other vehicle is supposed to yield the right of way, they might not and cause an accident.

**SIRWCD Report:** SIRWCD Executive Director Chad Kennedy met with the Florida Turnpike Authority to be sure that plans drawn do include both water storage and our sound wall as these were omitted in the version of the plan reviewed by Mr. Kennedy. The Turnpike expansion plan must conform to existing gas lines that are not going to be moved. The expansion does need permits from SFWMD so Mr. Kennedy met with SFWMD, which gets a seat at the table in decisions regarding storm water drainage. SIRWCD will be inspecting the old cow bridge to be sure it can continue to carry the weight of the SIRWCD heavy vehicles stored on the Jupiter Farms side of the C-18 canal. Money may need to be spent to reinforce the cow bridge. Spraying of vegetation in the canals will be ongoing to mitigate invasive species and keep the water flowing. John expressed concern for his bees and was informed that he can ask the spraying company, Wetlands LLC, to hold off spraying his section until he can rehouse the bees. As canals may have 3 feet or more of sediment, regular dredging is needed. SFWMD is allowing more storage of water within our canal system which would require adjustments to the flow control devices that are currently fixed weirs. Ken Trapasso requested more pet dropping collection bags for the park. Bob Berman announced that at the 6 PM Thursday, January 15th SIRWCD meeting, there is a separate agenda item on the road paving policy percentages. While paving decisions come down to cost, we are different from Jupiter Farms and need two separate policies.

**Holiday Party & Treasury Update by April Lundgren:** We had nice weather and the event was enjoyed by the community. Doing more events is contingent on collecting more maintenance contributions. Everyone who already paid their contribution was thanked. The financial statements through year-end for PBCEL are posted to the website [www.pbce.org](http://www.pbce.org). Compliments were given to the professional level holiday lighting at our front entrance.

**Sound Wall Update by Greta Foriere:** We are in possession of a letter stating the money is budgeted for us to get the sound wall prior to the expansion.

**Fire Station and Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District Report by Kevin Baker:** Fire Chief David Woodside informed Kevin that "The remodel design is in for permitting currently going through plan review in the Building Department." The station will be open on schedule prior to the October 1, 2026 deadline when Fire Station 16 reverts to Town of Jupiter operation. A fire truck, ambulance, and brush truck will be stationed in PBCE. LRECD Governor Kevin Baker reported that the wastewater surveillance program shows a spike in

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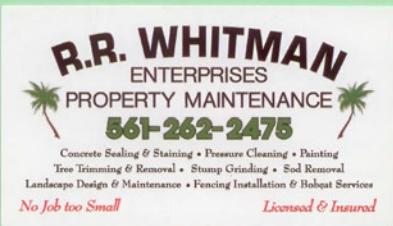
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## TREASURER'S REPORT as of 1/28/2026

### Operating Account

\$41,130.90 General Fund

### Save Our Sidewalks

\$2,126.54 Balance

### Community Legal Fund

\$2,256.22

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## \*\* Land Owners Meetings \*\*

Thursday, Mar. 12th & May 14th - 7:30PM at Living Oaks Church.



Our Florida House Representative Meg Weinberger received a Florida DOT letter from Nicola A. Liquori the Executive Director and CEO of Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) dated January 27th, 2026 which we have posted to our website at [www.pbce.org](http://www.pbce.org) and summarizes as follows. FDOT & FTE have heard our requirement for a sound wall and included it in the fully funded, \$298 million plan. The walls will be built immediately after vegetation clearance & construction

of SIRWCD drainage infrastructure and before additional road construction activity noise. Project start date is estimated to be July 2028. However, Director Liquori states intent to expedite wall construction at the earliest possible point.

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Influenza so consider getting a flu shot if you have not already done so. If you have ever wondered how a wastewater treatment plant works, you can sign up for the free 1/15/2026 & 3/3/2026 tours at [lrdrivercenter.org](http://lrdrivercenter.org). You can also learn composting, join guided nature hikes, learn wilderness skills, boating safety, & do a swamp tromp.



**Portable Water System Report:** Bob Berman explained that periodic flushing of the system is required because of dead ends in the system as it was not constructed as a loop. The Town of Jupiter has shifted from flushing at Donald Ross & 64th to deeper in the neighborhood.

Greta thanked Pastor Larry for hosting and adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM. Secretary Bob Berman

## Holiday Cheer





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