

# Airport Authority

## Candidate (District 1) Questions – 2024

Name: Bob Starr\_\_\_\_\_ Date 6/12/2024\_

What role should the Airport Authority play in economic/industrial development?

The Punta Gorda Airport has the potential to lead industrial development in Charlotte County. It has a large inventory of land that can be utilized by companies like FEDX did for large warehouse and distribution facilities. Providing income for the airport and jobs for the community. This improved revenue stream would help relieve the millions in tax dollars needed to operate the airport.

What are your ideas to continue growth at the airport?

I would make sure the airport was always an asset for Charlotte County and never support privatization.

I would like to initiate national company search for potential buyers of airport property. Find national and international real estate brokers who could market airport property nationally and abroad. I would also contact suppliers of Cheney Brothers to encourage them to bring their distribution centers closer to a large customer. I would partner with Charlotte County government to help find suitable companies to develop airport properties .

Why are you the right choice for the Airport Authority?

I have the Experience,skills and knowledge to deal with large organizations and budgets. I spent 5 years managing large supermarkets in North Western Ohio. 27 years with one of the largest corporation in the country Procter & Gamble and 4 years as a Charlotte County Commissioner a large organization with a billion dollar budget many employees. The work experience gained in these previous jobs will enhance my ability to grow the Punta Gorda Airport during my 4 years as commissioner.

**Please answer each question in 300 words or less and email back to [bwhite@charlottecountychamber.org](mailto:bwhite@charlottecountychamber.org) on or before July 12, 2024.**



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