

**MINUTES REPORT**  
**EAGLE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ETAC)**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2026**

**Committee Members Present:**

Edward Elms  
Laura Greeno, Chair

Kyle Philpot, Vice Chair

**Members Absent:**

Betsie Hiatt

Jacob Taminosian

**Lee County Government Staff Present:**

Nic DeFilippo, Planning  
David Halverson, Assistant County Attorney

William Lange, Planning  
Janet Miller, DCD Admin

**Outside Consultants:**

Bridgette Thenault, Passarella & Associates, Inc.      Teagen Lanier, Passarella & Associates, Inc.

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order:**

Ms. Greeno, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room 1B, of the Community Development/Public Works Building, 1500 Monroe Street, Ft. Myers, Florida. Introductions were made.

**Agenda Item 2 – Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

**Mr. Philpot made a motion to continue the Chair and Vice Chair elections to a future meeting when there are more members in attendance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elms. The Chair called the motion, and it passed 3-0.**

**Agenda Item 3 – Bridgette Theriault with Passarella & Associates, Inc. to Present Bald Eagle Management Plan for LE-093B Eagle Crest Estates**

Mr. Bridgette Theriault provided an overview of the Bald Eagle Management Plan for LE-093B Eagle Crest Estates. It was noted that the nest tree and the 330 foot buffer is located within one of the preserve areas. This preserve area offers a nice visual buffer from the nest tree to the adjacent development footprint. Ms. Theriault stated that, within the 330 foot buffer, nothing is proposed in terms of construction with the exception of the preserve restoration activities, which will occur outside of the nesting season.

Ms. Greeno asked what the eagle's flight path had predominantly been when their representatives were monitoring the site.

Ms. Lanier stated that from what she had observed, their flight path goes east off of the site. She has observed one adult that will stay either adjacent to or in the nest with the juveniles while the other adult has constant flight paths east and then back.

Ms. Greeno stated her reason for asking is that she wondered if they were using the river more or the fields for hunting.

Mr. Elms stated he was glad that there would be no activity within the 330 foot buffer because with so many other Bald Eagle Management Plans, there typically is activity within the 330 foot buffer, so it is nice to see the opposite of that taking place for a change.

Ms. Theriault confirmed there would be no activity except the preserve restoration which would be done outside of the nesting season. She also noted that there are no wetland impacts for the site. These two factors were the engineer's key components when they developed the site plan.

**Mr. Philpot made a motion to approve Bald Eagle Management Plan, LE-093B Eagle Crest Estates, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elms. The Chair called the motion, and it passed 3-0.**

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2025**

Ms. Greeno asked if Mr. Taminosian had made any corrections to the meeting minutes.

Ms. Miller stated he had not contacted staff regarding any issues with the meeting minutes.

**Mr. Elms made a motion to approve the October 14, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philpot. The Chair called the motion, and it passed 3-0.**

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Member Reports**

Mr. DeFilippo announced there is a new nest near Bayshore Commons that has been confirmed and it is an active nest. It appears that two adults are feeding chicks in the nest. Mr. DeFilippo stated he had not yet gotten a head count on the number of chicks. He also noted that the new nest is in one of the preserve areas, which is good for the neighborhood.

##### **Edward Elms**

**Pine Island Flatwoods Trail:** There is one chick in the nest that appears to be doing well in that it seems animated and alert. He estimated that the chick is anywhere from 6-7 weeks old. Mr. Elms noted that in the past three weeks that he has monitored the site, he has not seen the adults, so the chick appears to be alone until food is brought to them.

**Galt Preserve:** This nest has at least one chick in it, but there might possibly be a second one that is smaller than the other making it difficult to be seen. Going back as far as October of 2025, both adults have been near the nest. They have been observed feeding at least one young.

Ms. Greeno stated that last Thursday, Tyler Marzella, Natural Areas Coordinator, with Parks and Recreation, confirmed there is one juvenile in the nest.

Mr. Elms stated that in early January, he saw two in the nest but since then has only observed one.

**Helipad Nest (aka Mosquito Control):** There are two chicks in the nest. Although he has only seen one chick this week, at the end of January, there were two in the nest.

Ms. Greeno confirmed that as of last Thursday, there were two chicks in the nest.

**5<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm:** This nest appears to have had a failed nesting cycle and there was no activity in it for approximately one month. However, this past week, there has been one adult in the nest and a parent in an incubating posture so Mr. Elms hoped the second round would be successful.

**Kyle Philpot**

**Donald Road/Pritchett:** The Pritchett nest has one chick.

**Cell Tower Littleton Road:** This nest has not been rebuilt on the Cell Tower.

**Twin Pine Village:** No activity has been observed in this nest. In addition, it looks as if it is starting to fall apart out of the tree. Due to this, Mr. Philpot felt this nest would most likely not be successful.

**Alico Road:** There is at least one chick in the nest, possibly two.

**Oriole Road:** It appears that the adult eagles are still incubating.

**Laura Greeno**

**Frank Mann Preserve:** This nest has two chicks that are walking around branches, which is an indication that they will be taking flight soon.

**Wild Turkey Strand:** Ms. Greeno stated she had been unable to visit this site, so she did not have an update yet.

**Yellow Fever:** Adults were seen in the nest, but the number of chicks is unknown. Since both adults are in the nest, it is assumed that there are chicks.

**Laredo Nest:** No activity was observed last year, and no activity has been observed this year either.

**Rosie Nest:** Ms. Greeno stated she had not visited this nest site recently and, therefore, did not have an update.

**Orange River Nest (Buckingham):** Ms. Greeno stated this nest was already discussed during the Bald Eagle Management Plan presented at today's meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – Public Input**

No members of the public were present, so there was no public input.

**Agenda Item 6 – Adjournment – Next Tentative Meeting Date: March 10, 2026**

The next tentative meeting date is Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

The Committee had no further items to discuss, so the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.