



**Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee**  
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September 25, 2025  
Community Services/Centennial Park  
Large Administration Conference Room  
1120 Centennial Boulevard  
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

**Members Present:** Derek Miller  
Stephen Kalaf  
Shaun O'Rourke – Chair  
Dianne Quilty – Vice Chair

**County Staff:** Tina Powell  
Jason Thompson  
Jamie Scudera  
Jamie Boies  
Cal Keene

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Shaun O'Rourke. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 16, 2025, meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as submitted.

**Old Business:**

Conservation Charlotte Renewal 2026 – Ms. Powell let us know she'll be presenting to the Board in November for direction on whether it will be updated.

**New Business:**

Next year's meeting dates – Discussion ensued on the meeting dates for next year including November 17, January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, and September 21. Chair Shaun O'Rourke requested a motion to approve or deny. Vice Chair Dianne Quilty moved to approve, which was seconded by Stephen Kalaf, and unanimously approved.

Site nomination process – Ms. Powell explained more in depth on how the site nomination process works. She stated one of the key things the committee will be looking for during review

is adequate and legal access for the public. Ms. Powell stated that towards the end of October we will ask our PR representative, Breanna Benevenga, to share the form on our websites.

**Staff Reports:**

**Land Management** – Mr. Thompson informed us that we have surpassed the 15-year benchmark for Scrub Jays. The benchmark is set for 150 individuals and 30 family groups, and we have documented 165 individuals and 33 family groups.

**HCP** – Ms. Scudera mentioned one additional parcel in the Scrub Jay area was in the process of being acquired and closing after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Coastal** – Ms. Scudera reported that we had 1,509 Loggerheads and 282 Greens. Shorebird numbers include:

American Oystercatcher: 1 nest, 3 chicks

Black Skimmers: 61 nests, 71 chicks

Least Terns: 196 nests, 118 chicks

Wilson's Plover: 2 nests, 3 chicks

**Managers Comments** – Ms. Powell provided updates on Tippecanoe 2 improvements and the FEMA process.

**Suggested topics for new business:**

-Sunshine Law review and acknowledgement forms

**Advisory Board Open Discussion:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Cal Keene  
Community Services Department