



**NOTICE OF AGENDA
GRANITE SHOALS WILDLIFE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

City of Granite Shoals City Hall, 2221 N. Phillips Rd., Granite Shoals, TX 78654
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MINUTES

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Peter Hutnick, Sr. Roll Call: Keith Rogers, James Matula, Jeff Herzog, Scott Morgan, Mark Henshaw, David Nobles, Tommy Moore. Also in attendance were City officials Brian Edwards, Catherine Bell and Captain Taliaferro. Our Chairman welcomed Mr. Mike Miller, TPWD District Leader and TPWD Hunter Education Instructors Jason Brady and Glenn Long. Moved by Peter Hutnick; seconded by Mark Henshaw to excuse the absences of Brad Hammel & Weston York.

Motion Passed: 8 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, David Nobles, Jeff Herzog, Scott Morgan

Voting Against: None

2. Citizen Comments

- None.

3. Consent Agenda

3.a. Discuss and consider approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2025

- Moved by Mark Henshaw; seconded by Jeff Herzog to approve minutes from March 3, 2025.
- Motion Passed: 8 - 0
- Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, David Nobles, Jeff Herzog, Scott Morgan
- Voting Against: None

4. Action Items

4.a. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding changes to the WAC membership.

- Mark Henshaw suggested that a permanent “active archer” be designated from within the committee membership. Peter Hutnick suggested the committee recruit four(4) additional non-voting alternate committee members.

Moved by Peter Hutnick; seconded by Mark Henshaw to increase committee membership by adding four(4) non-voting alternate members.

Motion Passed: 8 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, David Nobles, Jeff Herzog, Scott Morgan

Voting Against: None

- Peter Hutnick reported that the TPWD MLD calendar extends twelve (12) months beginning each April 1st. Peter proposed that officers elected in January 2025 serve for fifteen(15) months to sync with the TPWD calendar.

Moved by Peter Hutnick; seconded by Jeff Herzog to approve the appointment of officers elected in January 2025 to serve until elections in April 2026.

Motion Passed: 8 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, David Nobles, Jeff Herzog, Scott Morgan

Voting Against: None

4.b. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding work session for mock harvester site.

- Peter Hutnick thanked the volunteers that set up & tore down the mock harvest site display used for the Town Hall meeting on March 29, 2025. James Matula, Jeff Herzog and Keith Rogers were instrumental to the success of this event.
- No action taken.

4.c. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the results of the March 29, 2025 Town Hall.

- Peter Hutnick reported that we counted thirty-eight (38) visitors attending the Town Hall meeting on March 29, 2025. Mr. Mike Miller, District Leader at TPWD, conducted a prepared presentation detailing the Managed Lands Deer program which included questions.
- Jeff Herzog spoke directly to the Granite Shoals Deer Management program. His slideshow presentation delivery was especially well-received. It featured images of the WAC team and local wildlife. TPWD Hunter Education Instructors Jason Brady and Glenn Long answered questions about the previous Deer Management program. Several volunteers constructed a harvest site demonstration model outside the venue that served as a great visual tool. Jeff Herzog mentioned that he

forwarded the slides to our City Secretary to link our Town Hall presentation to the City website. Chairman Peter Herzog, Sr. thanked everyone that contributed to our success. *HUTNICK*

- No action taken.

4.d. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding harvester outreach program to include any charge to become a harvester.

- Peter Hutnick stated that no fees will be charged to become a harvester. However, private donations to the program are strongly encouraged! Program contributions will not necessarily subject the homeowner to any liability.
- Discussion between members resulted in a general consensus that our Deer Management program shouldn't require passing a traditional TPWD Bowhunter Education Field Day event. However, Jeff Herzog spoke on authority that our Deer Management program currently requires all harvesters to pass both the TPWD Hunter and Bowhunter Education programs.
- Brian Edwards encouraged TPWD Bowhunter Education Instructors to schedule several upcoming TPWD Bowhunter Education courses. Also, Peter Hutnick recommended using TPWD Bowhunter Education Instructors to conduct the archery proficiency qualifications. Keith Rogers suggested creating a private social media website to recruit harvesters.
- Mark Henshaw was recognized for promoting our Deer Management program on several local websites.
- Jeff Herzog requested that the City continue to advertise on the marquee sign.
- Topic tabled until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

4.e. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding property owner outreach program.

- Peter Hutnick reported that the City is continuing to receive applications from property owners requesting that their private properties be approved as potential harvest sites. Keith Rogers requested follow-up with the City regarding liability language included on the registration form.
- Brian Edwards agreed to address the form with our City legal staff at the next meeting.
- Peter Hutnick encouraged private property owners to download the registration application provided on the City website. The committee will evaluate each property accordingly.
- Topic tabled until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

4.f. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the calendar of events 2025.

- Peter Hutnick proposes postponing recommendations for ten (10) City-owned sites until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025. This will provide private property owners some additional time to register as an alternate harvesting site.
- Topic tabled until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

4.g. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding equipment replacement and procurement.

- Jeff Herzog reported that the stands and feeders are now stored at the processing center. He recommends submitting a work order to construct a wall in the building where our cooler is located. James Matula proposes selling the old equipment.
- Moved by James Matula; seconded by Mark Henshaw to sell all but two (2) tree stands and the proceeds from the auction will go to the City's General Fund.
- Motion Passed: 8 - 0
- Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, David Nobles, Jeff Herzog, Scott Morgan
- Voting Against: None
- Peter Hutnick proposes purchasing an identical camera system previously recommended by Police Chief Ortis.
- Topic tabled until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

4.h. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding harvest sites to include plans to survey the sites.

- Peter Hutnick proposes naming ten(10) harvesting sites but recommends giving private property owners an additional month to submit applications.
- Topic tabled until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

4.i. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding deer processing.

- Keith Rogers reported that his Food Bank contacts have agreed to work with our program. However, they would only agree to processing the resource with an understanding that the Deer Management program would pay all transportation, delivery and storage costs.
- Topic tabled until next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

4.j. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding harvester scheduling.

- Keith Rogers offers to demonstrate a reasonably priced reservation platform that allows users to reserve blocks of time during the day. David Nobles suggests “morning only” harvesting for the first month.
- Topic postponed until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

4.k. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding a harvester checklist.

- Mark Henshaw proposes a checklist describing the harvesting timeline. Jeff Herzog reminds the committee that the program ordinance already addresses situations when harvesting is strictly prohibited.
- Mr. Jason Brady was asked to speak about the previous program. Mr. Brady explained that every harvester must agree to follow the program rules, which may include animal recovery and disposal, or other general rules that become established by shift Directors, law enforcement, or other City officials.
- Topic postponed until the next stated meeting on May 5, 2025.

5. Future Agenda Items

- Addressing the agenda items that were tabled as noted.

6. Adjournment

- There being no other business Peter Hutnick adjourns meeting at 7:17pm.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct from the Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting of April 7, 2025.

Peter Hutnick, Chair

