



**NOTICE OF AGENDA
GRANITE SHOALS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026 AT 3:00 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 3:04 PM.

Moved by Al Satterfield; seconded by Clive Jackson to excuse the absence of Steve Zbranek.

Motion Passed: 4 - 0

Voting For: Clive Jackson, Robin Ruff, Al Satterfield, Mark Fessler

2. Citizen Comments

Mark Henshaw reported an update on the current deer harvest and suggested a harvest site near the airport.

- Each harvest site removes between 15 and 30 deer every 3 months, with 8 to 10 sites active citywide.
- The program uses a flexible online booking system allowing site activation or blackout to adjust for airport activities.
- Hunters are thoroughly qualified through state and local tests and monthly accuracy checks to ensure safety near the airport.
- About 75% of harvested deer meat is donated, benefiting local residents through community centers and pantries, with processing costs covered by the wildlife program.
- Deer management here helps alleviate pilot complaints about deer on runways, supporting airport safety and community engagement.

The committee acknowledged that any new site within airport proximity requires committee approval, likely not possible before the season ends in February.

- Cooperation with airport officials will define protocols for deer crossing airport property to minimize risk.
- Mark Henshaw offered to serve as a resource for further questions and coordination.

3. Consent Agenda

3.a. Discuss and consider approval of meeting minutes from November 6, and December

3, 2025.

Moved by Al Satterfield; seconded by Clive Jackson to approve the minutes from November 6 and December 3, 2025.

Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Clive Jackson, Robin Ruff, Al Satterfield, Mark Fessler

4. Discussion Items and Updates:

4.a. Updates on Airport Operation Building progress.

The committee discussed the work expected, and necessary tools needed for the construction of the AOB.

4.b. Discuss progress and needed items for completion of the 2025 annual report for City Council.

The committee will continue to gather data for the report.

5. Action Items

5.a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding nominations and appointments for the 2026 Airport Advisory Committee leadership positions.

Moved by Al Satterfield; seconded by Mark Fessler to nominate Robin Ruff as Chair and Jeff Kahl as Co-Chair of the Airport Committee for 2026.

Motion Passed: 4 - 0

Voting For: Clive Jackson, Robin Ruff, Al Satterfield, Mark Fessler

Moved by Robin Ruff; seconded by Clive Jackson to nominate Al Satterfield as Secretary of the Airport Committee for 2026.

Motion Passed: 3 - 0

Voting For: Clive Jackson, Robin Ruff, Mark Fessler

Abstained -Al Satterfield

5.b. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding planning of Meet the Pilots.

A *Meet the Pilot* event is targeted for March or April, integrating avionics upgrades offered by Dan Smith to draw visiting aircraft from nearby cities.

The event aims to include transponder updates and other avionics services to attract pilots from regional airports.

Efforts are underway to revive the Short Takeoff and Landing (STOL) competition, which did not occur last year due to scheduling conflicts.

The airport plans to accommodate simultaneous operations by keeping the runway clear without full closure, staging aircraft on the sides for safety. Additional community engagement includes potential participation by the local Commemorative Air Force chapter, offering historic aircraft displays and family-friendly activities.

The committee plans to finalize event dates and logistics by the next meeting to ensure adequate preparation time and coordination with local authorities.

6. Future Agenda Items

7. Adjournment

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct from the Airport Advisory Committee meeting of January 8, 2026.

Robin Ruff - Chair
