



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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Welcome

Introduction of new members.

2. Citizen Comments

3. Consent Agenda

3.a. Discuss and consider approval of meeting minutes from August 3, 2026.

4. Discussion Items

4.a. Discuss the results of the TPWD deer surveys.

4.b. Discuss the status of Harvester Outreach and applications.

4.c. Discuss status of acquiring the NDA insurance policy.

4.d. Review final budget status and final spending.

4.e. Review the status of the ARK processing facility.

4.f. Review the status of the walk-in cooler.

4.g. Review the status of the Harvester location approvals.

4.h. Discuss and answer questions regarding New World Screw Worm.

4.i. Discuss the request by the Parks Committee regarding the sharing of cameras.

4.j. Discuss the status of the trapping program.

5. Action Items

5.a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the equipment set up schedule.

5.b. Discuss and set proficiency testing dates.

- 5.c. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding a reporting method and needed data for implementation at the processing area on a laptop.

6. Future Agenda Items

7. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION

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Dawn Wright, City Secretary



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REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026 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.

2. Citizen Comments

- Mr. Warren raised a deer-related concern, saying he wanted to make sure deer were counted correctly and offered to follow along during the deer count days.

3. Consent Agenda

3.a. Discuss and consider approval of meeting minutes from July 13, 2026.

- Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Matthew Campbell to approve the meeting minutes from July 13, 2026.
- Motion Passed: 4 - 0
- Voting For: James Matula, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell
- Voting Against: None

4. Discussion Items

4.a. Review efforts and suggestions for continuing the Youth Advisory Membership

- The committee currently has no active youth members and does not know whether there is still interest.
- Keith Rogers reported he had been advised to contact the ag teacher at the high school later in the month.
- The item was tabled until the next meeting.

4.b. Discuss and answer questions about TPWD- New World Screw Worm

- ACO Jewett Presentation

Keith Rogers introduced Michelle Jewett, the Animal Control Officer in Granite Shoals and a state-certified screwworm inspector.

- Officer Jewett provided a detailed explanation of the parasite:
 - It is a botfly that attacks live flesh.
 - It can kill the animal, taint meat, and spread quickly.
 - At the time of the meeting, it was not a local problem, with affected areas mainly in Brownsville / the border region.
 - A prior case in Gillespie County had been quarantined and then cleared.
- Officer Jewett emphasized that if a deer with an open wound and maggots is found, the animal should be treated very carefully:
 - If in a quarantine area, Burnet County could be quarantined.
 - Animals cannot be moved from the location without authorization.
 - If the animal must be dealt with, it must be frozen, incinerated, or buried at least 4 feet deep.
 - In most practical terms, the deer should stay in place and be reported.
- The screwworms survive best in temperatures around 84–92 degrees, so the extreme summer heat was helping suppress them for now.
- Flyers were distributed showing what to look for and explained how to contact her and the region office.
 - She also said the committee should notify Erin Weiland, the county wildlife biologist, because she is the local point of contact for wildlife issues.

- When asked whether a deer seen in the field with open wounds should be shot, Michelle Jewett said yes, but only within the committee's shooting guidelines, and then it should be tracked and reported immediately.
- Officer Jewett explained the eradication process involving sterile male flies and said that if a quarantine were declared, sterile flies could be released within 48 hours.
- The committee asked whether only cattle, sheep, and goats were affected; Michelle Jewett said wildlife was not the known main problem, but vigilance was important.

4.c. Discuss the status of Harvester Outreach and applications

- Keith Rogers reported that 20 applications had been submitted to the police department.
 - 16 of the 20 had already been approved by police background/criminal check.
 - The remaining 4 had just been submitted and were expected to be processed soon.
 - Once approved, applicants will receive the online link to a 20-question exam.

4.d. Discuss status of acquiring the NDA insurance policy.

- Keith Rogers reviewed the status of the NDA insurance policy, and will follow up with the police department on the application.

4.e. Discuss the scheduled TPWD deer surveys.

- The committee discussed the deer survey schedule.
- The deer count days were set for August 10, 17, and 24 at 6pm.

4.f. Review status of GSPD location approvals.

- The status of hunt locations approved by Chief Ortis were reviewed.
 - Keith Rogers said he would meet with Chief Ortis and any other committee members who wanted to join them to inspect at least 6 locations that had not been approved previously.
 - There was discussion about whether to inspect sites before or after stand setup; the committee agreed it made more sense to do it before.

5. Action Items

5.a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on final budget status and spending decisions.

- The committee discussed the final budget status for the current year.
- The program had already received:
 - 5 stands
 - 6 cameras
 - Associated equipment
 - 7 chairs
- Proposed remaining purchases included:
 - \$500 insurance
 - A pallet of corn
 - Shooting sticks and some data/cell plan expenses if possible
 - Batteries
 - 2 or 3 10x10 tarps to cover deer if screwworm concerns arise
- No action was taken.

5.b. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action for preparation of detail for the 2026-2027 Budget

- Keith Rogers presented the details for the 2026–2027 budget.
 - The committee originally asked for \$10,000, but after reviewing likely

needs, the request was reduced to \$7,000.

- The request has been submitted to the City Manager.
- No action was taken.

5.c. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the equipment set up schedule.

- Chief Ortis confirmed that the facility would be available and explained the stands could be assembled in a barn to avoid working in dirt.
- The committee agreed to use August 8 to put stands together and then look at more future dates during the week.
- No action was taken.

5.d. Discuss and set the first proficiency testing date.

- The committee discussed the first shooting proficiency test date.
 - The written test is now an online 20-question exam based on the City Ordinance and Schedule A, and applicants must pass 100%.
 - The online test requires identification verification by having the applicant hold up a driver's license and take a picture of themselves while taking the test.
 - Anyone missing one question must wait 30 days to retake it.
 - After the written exam, harvesters become eligible for the shooting qualification.

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- Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by James Matula to approve September 12, 2026, at 8:00 AM as the first shooting qualification date.
 - Motion Passed: 4 - 0
 - Voting For: James Matula, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell
 - Voting Against: None

5.e. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding a reporting method and needed data for implementation at the processing area on a laptop.

- The item was tabled for further discussion.

6. Future Agenda Items

- ARK processing
- Committee membership
- Walk-in Cooler update
- Revisit the reporting method

7. Adjournment

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct from the Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting of August 3, 2026.

Keith Rogers, Chair

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