



**NOTICE OF AGENDA
GRANITE SHOALS WILDLIFE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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.
- Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Thomas Moore to excuse the absence of Mark Henshaw.
 - Motion Passed: 5 - 0
 - Voting For: James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog
 - Voting Against: None
- Unexcused absences: Westin York, Brad Hammel, David Nobles

2. Citizen Comments

- None

3. Consent Agenda

3.a. Discuss and consider approval of meeting minutes from June 2, 2025.

- Moved by Thomas Moore; seconded by Jeff Herzog to approve meeting minutes .

Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog

Voting Against: None

4. Discussion Items and Updates

4.a. Demonstration of harvester scheduling software and discussion of administration.

4.b. Discuss WAC facility to include update with PD and Streets and key access.

- Chief Ortiz is rekeying all locks, acquiring new locks. Two keys will be distributed under strict control.

5. Action Items

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

- Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Thomas Moore to accept the resignation of Scott Morgan.

Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog

Voting Against: None

- Moved by Peter Hutnick; seconded by Jeff Herzog to nominate Tom Moore as secretary.

Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog

Voting Against: None

5.b. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the "Adult Learn to Hunt Program".

- Decision to defer program development until at least next season (possibly until next fall).
- Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Thomas Moore to table.

Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog

Voting Against: None

5.c. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the harvester outreach program and the requirement for a background check.

- Some pushback from applicants about a \$10 fee.
- Past idea: charging to hunt was dismissed to not discourage hunter

participation.

- Proposal: Committee pays \$10 fee—debate ensued.
- Information from Chief Ortiz: Only active law enforcement exempt from background check; permit to carry is not sufficient, as game violations aren't shown on standard checks.
- Current applications: 30; discussion of overall anticipated cost if committee pays.
- Moved by Keith Rogers; seconded by None to pay the background check fee with committee funds.

Motion Failed: Lack of a second

- To be revisited in the future. Application language may be updated for more clarity.

5.d. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding property owner outreach program.

- No action taken.

5.e. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the calendar of events 2025 including test and equipment set up dates.

Shooter Qualification Dates (Granite Shoals)

- July 16 (weekday): 6:00–8:00 PM
- July 29 (weekday): 6:00–8:00 PM
- August 2 (Saturday): 8:00–11:00 AM
- August 13 (weekday): 6:00–8:00 PM
- Other locations: Lago Vista date pending; details will be compiled and communicated.

5.f. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding informal workshops to construct stands and relocate equipment to harvest sites.

- More shooting qualification/workshop dates may be added in August depending on turnout.
- Preparation to set up stands and harvest locations is needed before the season starts (September 27th).
- August is likely to be the target month for major setup.

- No action taken.

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

- Awaiting identification of lots needing setup before contacting Todd Holland for surveying.
- The committee will use city lot mapping tools (e.g., Land Glide) for pre-survey locating but will defer to Todd's formal survey for accuracy.
- All are encouraged to consider and bring availability for future work parties for site setup.

5.h. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding setting up a practice site.

- The WAC Shed was officially established as a permanent practice site.

5.i. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding equipment replacement and procurement to include cameras.

- Previous plans to purchase used feeders did not proceed—items were sold before purchase.
- Moved by James Matula; seconded by Thomas Moore to approve the purchase of 10 basic (non-cellular) Spy Point Force 48 trail cameras with full lock/security setup at \$171.16 each (\$1,711.60 total).
 - Includes cameras, lock boxes, cables, memory cards, and batteries.

Motion Passed: 5 - 0
 Voting For: James Matula, Peter Hutnick, Thomas Moore, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog
 Voting Against: None
- Purchase order to be completed and submitted to the city secretary.
- No purchase yet of corn for this year's budget.

5.j. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding deer processing and constructing a wall.

▪ **Physical Site:**

Forms and foundation for processing area are set; concrete pending.
 Slab is for skinning, not full meat processing (in front of Conex).

Electrical work (lights and switches) scheduled for installation post-slab/structure completion.

“Shorty” responsible for concrete.

▪ **Processing Capacity:**

Hunters for the Hungry (via Central Texas Food Bank) verbally supports processing of 200-300 deer at Hudson’s Meats, pending grant funds.

Committee agrees to focus on running this process the first year, then consider self-processing later.

▪ **Budget Update:**

WAC has approximately \$5,000 remaining after expenditures on scheduling software (\$300) and TPWD (\$300).

Next year’s budget under city consideration.

▪ **Donations:**

Inquiry into external donations via GoFundMe-style pages

6. Future Agenda Items

Continue discussion on:

- Membership recruitment
- Equipment procurement
- Deer processing progress
- Fundraising/donations
- Calendar/work day planning
- Survey/site setup logistics

Agenda Items: 5.a, 5.c, 5.d, 5.e, 5.f, 5.g, 5.i, 5.j

7. Adjournment

- With no further business or discussion, Peter Hutnick adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

CERTIFICATION

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

Peter Hutnick, Chair

