



**NOTICE OF AGENDA
GRANITE SHOALS WILDLIFE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 Mark Henshaw.

2. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments.

3. Consent Agenda

3.a. Discuss and consider approval of meeting minutes from October 6, 2025.

Moved by Keith Rogers; seconded by James Matula to approve the meeting minutes from October 6, 2025.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Brad Hammel, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell

Voting Against: None

3.b. Discuss and consider the resignation of Peter Hutnick.

Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Brad Hammel to accept the resignation of Peter Hutnick with thanks and recognition for his great work.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Brad Hammel, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell

Voting Against: None

4. Discussion Items

4.a. Updates on the harvesting program to date.

Total Deer Harvested: 111 (77 in first 15 days, 34 in next 20 days)

Deer Donation: 70 donated — 52 for processing, 18 as whole deer

Lost Deer: 8 lost/5 found (net loss 3) in the first period; only 2 lost in the last 20 days.

Harvesters: 26 currently active; 41 approved; 101 have applied; 20 still need to requalify (requalification every 30 days). ~30 pending background checks.

Donation Participation: 19 of 26 active harvesters participated in donation.

Harvest Sites: Operated between 6-8 sites

Equipment Stats: Lost deer disproportionately from crossbows (7/10) versus compound bows (3/10).

4.b. Discuss and review the Wildlife Advisory Committee Mission Statement.

Members reviewed, signed, and submitted the new mission statement.

4.c. Discuss any operational issues that may require committee approval.

- Cooler repair is expected this week.
- Challenges with online test development. Temporary use of printed “A and B” written tests resumed.
- Committee members visited a trap in Ingram; a model adaptable for local use.
- The City must apply for a trap permit (minimum 30-day processing; no fee); the permit would cover any Granite Shoals property.
- The trap can operate year-round if deer are declared a public hazard; otherwise, October—March (aligns with MLDP).
- Purchased trap may be funded by a committee member or Ark of the Highland Lakes, with meat-sharing possible.

5. Action Items

5.a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to nominate and appoint Wildlife Leadership positions:

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Matthew Campbell to nominate Mark Henshaw as committee chair.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Brad Hammel, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell

Voting Against: None

Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Matthew Campbell to nominate Keith Rogers as committee vice chair.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Brad Hammel, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell

Voting Against: None

Moved by Matthew Campbell; seconded by Brad Hammel to nominate Jeff Herzog as committee secretary.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Brad Hammel, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell

Voting Against: None

- 5.b. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the potential new Church harvest site.

Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Brad Hammel to approve the new site once cleared for access.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Brad Hammel, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell

Voting Against: None

Additional sites were discussed by the members and a need to revise the landowner permission form was identified.

- 5.c. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the earn a buck program and decide the desired amount of deer harvesters should donate in order to earn a buck tag.

- Every 5 donated deer earns a buck tag; process is rollover (e.g., 10 donates earns 2 tags, etc.).
 - 10 logged volunteer sessions (site support, feeder maintenance, processing help) also eligible for a buck tag.
 - Buck tags reserved: 45 total (10 held in reserve for reward/operational needs, 35 allocated for Earn-a-Buck).
 - Extra tags to be requested if needed.
 - Periodic review of criteria—restrictions may be loosened if tags go unused.
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Moved by Jeff Herzog; seconded by Brad Hammel to approve the Earn-A-Buck incentive as discussed.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

Voting For: Mark Henshaw, James Matula, Brad Hammel, Keith Rogers, Jeff Herzog, Matthew Campbell

Voting Against: None

- 5.d. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to assign responsibility and timing in setting up new harvest sites.

No action taken.

- 5.e. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action to assign responsibility and timing for installing all available blind covers.

The blind covers that were purchased will be returned. More appropriate covers will be purchased this week.

6. Future Agenda Items

1. City trapping permit
2. Finalize January 10th as a qualifying date.
3. Revision of testing questions and process.
4. Landowner permission form revision
5. Potential location changes

7. Adjournment

With no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above minutes are true and correct from the Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting of November 3, 2025.

Mark Henshaw, Chair _____