

# Welcome to the GOBBLER



## 2025 KANSAS ONE SHOT TURKEY HUNT A SUCCESS



*KS Attorney General Kris Kobach and his Guide  
Warren Rensner win Big Tom Award 2025*

Many thanks to our sponsors,  
to our volunteers (guides &  
landowners) and to Megan  
Smith with G2Solutions.

Determining success in any organization can be challenging, especially in a multifaceted event like the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt. Based on responses from our recent survey, the Board of Directors believes that 2025 was a standout year.

This year, we had 43 hunters, and an impressive 31 of them successfully bagged a turkey, resulting in a remarkable success rate. Three of the five Kansas youth were successful, with Creighton from Rossville earning second place. Additionally, two American Heroes were able to harvest their birds as well.

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach won the Big Tom Award for the second time, with valuable assistance from guide Warren Rensner.

We presented the first Marvin L McCown Memorial Scholarship to Ashton Sell of Goddard. Ashton will be going into wildlife biology in hopes to become a game warden.

This year, we started a vendor area at the Butler County Community Building during weigh in. We had six vendors and hope to grow this segment in the years to come.



## KOSTH ALUMNI CLUB

The Alumni Club is a way for the hunt to establish a mechanism for invitations for future hunts and for establishing opportunities for hunters, landowners and guides to be involved in the future of the event and the organization. Being a member of the Alumni Club will guarantee hunters an invitation to the hunt each year.

Look for more events and programming for Alumni Club members in the upcoming year.

If you want to join the Alumni Club, visit our website at [www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org](http://www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org).

Want to be involved? Here are ways you can support the KOSTH.

- Join the Alumni Club
- Contribute to the Marvin L McCown Memorial Scholarship
- Contribute to the Oral History Project
- Serve on the Board of Directors
- Serve as a volunteer
- Sponsor an event of the hunt



## Oral History Project

Led by former Governor Mike Hayden, this project aims to document the history of the hunt, starting from the original Kansas Governor's Hunt to the current Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt.

The Kansas Governor's Hunt began in 1987 and concluded in 2022. In October 2022, the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt was established as a new organization, with its first hunt occurring in 2023, featuring many of the same volunteers and hunters from the previous events.

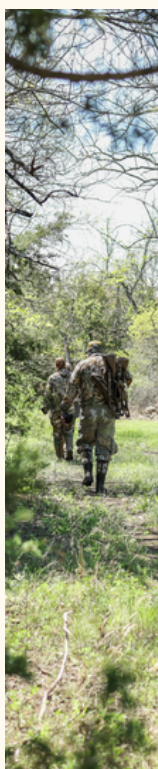
We would love to hear your story. If you would like to share it, please contact Becky at [becky.wolfe@kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org](mailto:becky.wolfe@kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org) or Mike Hayden at [mikehaydenks@gmail.com](mailto:mikehaydenks@gmail.com).

**We also welcome contributions for this project. Look under the "Media" tab of our website - [www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org](http://www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org)**

To see all videos: [YouTube.com @KansasOneShotTurkeyHunt](https://www.youtube.com/@KansasOneShotTurkeyHunt)

In January 2025, the Board of Directors met in the morning to develop a Strategic Plan for the organization. Thanks to Phil Benedict, former Executive Director of the El Dorado Chamber, who facilitated the discussion. There is a lot to consider in that plan, and with the completion of the hunt, the board can now focus on it. Creating a vision and mission statement, and fine tuning the priorities will be next on the agenda for the coming months.





## WE'RE HIRING

Do you have an appreciation for the outdoors and hunting? Are you energetic, a great organizer and planner who enjoys interacting with people? This seasonal, yet year-round position may be just what you're looking for!

**Hunt Coordinator**

Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt  
El Dorado, Kansas

- Work directly for the nonprofit, volunteer Board of Directors
- All management & organizational aspects of the Hunt, including fundraising, volunteer management, communication, and social media
- Plan and manage the execution of the yearly event in April
- Plan and manage other programs and events
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Previous event coordination or nonprofit experience preferred
- Familiarity with hunting or outdoor events a plus
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, social media and email platforms

*Estimated 20+ hours a week June through October and 35+ hours November through May*  
*\$40,000 - \$50,000 based on experience*

Send cover letter and resume to:  
ksonehotsurkeyhunt@gmail.com





## KOSTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Have you thought about being a board member for the Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt? Wonder what that entails? Well, here is a little scoop.

- We have board positions open every year. Once elected, a board member will serve a three-year term and after one year is eligible to move into an Executive position.
- Board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms, then must take at least one year off to be nominated to the board again.
- The board is a working board, and members must sign up to serve as chair or on a committee of the organization.
- Meetings are held once a month. The governance items are handled first, then the program items are discussed.
- The Board sets policy, and staff manage. (We are in the process of hiring staff)
- Board meetings are by Zoom for those out of town or State and local people come to the Hunt office.

If you are interested in serving, visit our website under "Board Members".

### 2025 Board of Directors

**John Britt** - Parks Motors - BOARD CHAIR  
**Darren Jackson** - County Commissioner - CHAIR-ELECT  
**Gunnar Sullivan** - Outdoor Mentors - Secretary  
**Becky Wolfe** - Advance Innovations - Treasurer  
**Jarrold Nichols** - TAG Sports - Past Chair  
**Steve Seymour** - Founder  
**Mike Hayden** - Former KS Governor - Founder  
**Dave Adams** - Retired Officer - Board Member  
**Gus Bader** - TriStar - Board Member  
**Kim Gonzales** - USD 259 - Board Member  
**Bryan Lewis** - Lawyer - Board Member  
**Leonard Moore** - Greenwood Co Sheriff's Officer - Board Member  
**Marc Murrell** - KS Wildscape Foundation - Board Member  
**Kelsey Puryear** - Murray Road Agency - Board Member  
**Jennifer Yarbrough** - Board Member

# ZUNI TRIBE VISITS THE KOSTH

Many years ago, during the Governor's Hunt, a representative from the Zuni Tribe in New Mexico came to gather feathers to take back home. They had not attended the hunt for several years.

This year, Governor Hayden requested that we reconnect and rebuild our relationship with the tribe. A connection was successfully made, and we were fortunate to have Matthew Neha and Stafford Chimoni attend the hunt. They are employees with the Zuni Fish and Wildlife.

After the birds are harvested, the volunteers will breast them for the hunters or prepare them to be donated. Matthew and Stafford collected the feathers and worked closely with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, which is still conducting studies on the harvested birds.

These men were very gracious and answered many questions about the uses of the feathers, which are intended for ceremonial purposes, offerings, and more.

We hope to continue this relationship for future hunts.



The Zuni Indian Reservation is located in the western portion of New Mexico and sits adjacent to the Arizona State line. The Reservation encompasses approximately 465,600 acres, including the Mazone Ranch, a Tribal Trust land. This makes the Zuni Pueblo the largest of the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico, with elevations ranging from 6,200 ft to 7,800 ft. Topography is characterized primarily by breathtaking mesas with deep and extensive gullies and canyons, dominated by Pinyon-juniper woodlands, Ponderosa Pine/Pinyon, sagebrush, and grassland areas.

*Taken from the Zuni Fish and Wildlife website: [www.zunifishandwildlife.org](http://www.zunifishandwildlife.org)*



*The Kansas One Shot Turkey Hunt is a nonprofit, public charitable organization.*

*Stay tuned for more work on habitat and conservation in the months to come.*

Updates have just been made to the website at  
[www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org](http://www.kansasoneshotturkeyhunt.org)