

# Canyon County Gun Range Advisory Board

## MINUTES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

### Meeting #1

**Date:** Thursday, July 13, 2023

**Time:** 6:02 p.m.

**Location:** Lake Lowell Park Office 12996 Iowa Ave, Nampa, ID 83686

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:** Bob Sobba, Jim Nuzzo, Lew Shaver, Mathew Andrew, Nathan Guy

**RAB PURPOSE:** The Board shall be an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners, and its purpose shall be to make recommendations concerning the operation and administration of the County Gun Range.

**RAB MISSION STATEMENT:** The Range Advisory Board works to provide access to a sustainable, quality public shooting range that provides a safe, recreational facility that promotes responsible firearm activities and shooting experience for the citizens of Canyon County.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** (Quorum = 3/5 Advisory Board Members present in person) ☒

- Jim Nuzzo (voting member)
- Nathan Guy (voting member)
- Matt Andrew (voting member)
- Lew Shaver (voting member)
- Bob Sobba (voting member)
- Greg Rast (non-voting advisory member – CC-COO)
- Captain Bill Adams (non-voting advisory member - CCSO)
- Nicki Schwend (non-voting advisory member – CCPC&NR)
- Alex Eells (non-voting advisory member – CCPC&NR)
- Brian Crawforth (CCSO)

### Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by

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Jim Nuzzo called the meeting to order and Matt started with introductions

## **INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING REMARKS:**

- All members of the current Range Advisory Board were present
- Each member introduced themselves and explained their experience
- Alex Eells read the vision statement and the mission statement
- Binders were given to each member with dividers and flash drive

## **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:**

- No meeting minutes to review it has been nearly 3 years since the last meeting we are starting fresh

## **HISTORY/PROJECT UPDATE:**

- Nicki Schwend provided a summary of George Nourse Gun Range history and projects that have been completed up to current fiscal year
- New Fencing has been established since the last Range Advisory Board Meeting
- Higher Berms have been installed the landfill is able to use staff for training purposes
  - Landfill could be available for training for the Gun Range
- There is power out the gun range

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Gun Range Community Advisory Board Ordinance and By-Laws
  - No-one had any questions related to the By-Laws or ordinances
- Discuss Advisory Board Position Responsibilities
  - Chair & Secretary – elect at the end of the meeting
  - Each is responsible for finding a designated board member to replace their role for individual missed meeting
- Directive going forward
  - BOCC direction to create a 4-5-year plan for complete site improvements and financial sustainability

- Review Complaints and Safety Issues
  - Trash and Trash receptacles- trash has reduced since new fence and berms are higher.
  - Noise 24/7—No Days off from noise—Currently the Gun Range is closed after dusk. We could look into what other Gun Ranges days and hours are during the week and come up with the best days to remain.
  - Nathan and Lew mentioned about having a county email for people to send their issues to
  - Unless we build a designated shotgun, range there should not be shotguns at this gun range
  - Private businesses providing classes with camp out at a shooting lane and reserve the range all day—this prevents people from shooting
- Review Gun Range Signage and Regulations and Restrictions
  - Matt wanted to make sure we have a way to enforce the regulations or restrictions at the Gun Range
  - Nathan suggested having at each shooting lane a sign with post explaining the rules before the firing line
  - Jim mentioned having a camera out there for keeping track of issues
  - Alex will send the board examples of Gun Range Regulations and Policies
- Gun Range Grant Options- Nathan Assigned to look into Grant Options
  - Nathan mentioned through Fish and Game there are options
  - Do research and find options
- Gun Range Concept and Proposal Planning
  - Review TRS plan- great for a concept but not a full build out plan
  - Review GHD- Scott Kranz- contact through National Shooting Sports Foundation
    - Has a design and GIS team
    - Matt suggested we ask Scott about recommendations for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (Lew coined this term)
    - Suggested having another meeting that Scott can attend and discuss
  - Budget History and Annual Budget Requests
    - FY23 we have 14K to spend
    - FY24 requested 150K this was a number just to get us started
  - Priorities
    - Capital Improvements plan- final concept site plan. Layout
    - Operation. Management Plan

- Staffing
- Fees
- Long-Term financial sustainability – upkeep and improvements as needed
- Lead mitigation plan

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Elect Advisory Board Officers:
  - Chair- Jim
  - Secretary – Nathan – Meeting notes will be covered by Alex the first time then Nathan will cover them for the rest of the meetings
- Agree on RAB Meeting Schedule
  - Matt is not opposed to zoom meetings
  - Every Third Thursday works with everyone for now
- Review Planning and Conceptual Range Services from GHD (Scott Kranz)
  - Look into NRA – Nathan try to get an estimate of services
  - Meet with Scott at our next meeting

**AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING:**

- Scott Kranz GHD conceptual Plan
  - Ask questions and compare NRA to his services
- Research into Range Rules, Regulations, Policies
- Best practice range infrastructure
- Next Meeting will be held at Lake Lowell Park August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm unless if Scott's Schedule does not work with that

**ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

**August 17, 2023- Pending on scheduled meeting with Scott Kranz with GHD**