

# Canyon County Gun Range Advisory Board

## MINUTES

Thursday, August 15, 2023

### Meeting #2

**Date:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 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)
- Scott Kranz (GHD) lives in Kuna – Project Manager for Northwest Region

## **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
- Scott Kranz with GHD attended related to the Gun Range Proposal he sent us
- Greg Rast attended the Range Advisory Board meeting

## **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:**

- Meeting minutes were reviewed and a couple names on the minute's attendance need deleted because it is from an out dated document.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved by the RAB. Matt Andrew's moved to approve the minutes; Bob Sobba seconded the motion to approve

## **AGENDA & NOTES**

- Nicki Schwend spoke about the gun range concept and proposal from Scott Kranz, the board wanted to meet with Scott to discuss the proposal GHD provided

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Conversation's with Scott lead to questions from the board members:
  - Matt Andrew asked whether the concept plan would include any environmental design for risk mitigation and compliance, can this design encourage a safe (overhang to prevent shooting in an upward direction)
  - Matt also asked about a list of things or recommendations for a phase in of improvements
  - Jim asked about the current soil. Scott answered and said the sand is beneficial as it shows the water runoff Scott also recommends ¾ minus rock, sand on the bullet berm in a 1.1 stand. Scott also emphasized the only place a bullet belongs is the bullet impact berm or sand
  - Scott also touched base about how 20 years ago, people would shoot revolvers and hunting rifles. Now there are so many more rounds being shot down range, as well as quantity of ammunition and time spent on the range

- Scott will not have time to move further on our project until after October 10th this year.
  - Gun Range Concept and proposal planning
  - **Conversation with Scott**
    - Lead abatement- Metals Treatment Technology (figure out website contact information)
      - Lead should be in one location bring into berms
      - Bullet belongs in the bullet impact area
      - <https://mt2.com/>
      - 14045 W. 66th Avenue  
Arvada, CO 80004
      - **1-888-435-6645**
    - We need to go through the correct design review process with the correct permits. We cannot just throw up some buildings/berms, and overhead covers and call it good
  - History of Gun Ranges
    - People are shooting more rounds today than they did a couple decades ago
    - Magazine size has increased
    - There is no hard data to justify but it has been witnessed over the years
    - What we are managing is Liability lawsuits
  - Scott is over committed and will not be available until **October**
- Review complaints and safety issues
  - Very little compared to last meetings discussion
- Gun Range restrictions
  - Should we have a shotgun bay with regulations?
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- Gun Range Grant options
  - Nathan Guy went into detail on his research with 4 different grant options available to us
    - We have four main options in Idaho for Range grants
      - NRA Foundation (friend of the NRA)
      - NRA range grant
      - Idaho Fish and Game
      - Idaho State Parks?
  - Most are low dollar amounts **<\$30,000**

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Reviewed the planning and conceptual range services document from Scott Kranz
  - Scott went into detail regarding GHD and the services they provide as a Gun Range expert
  - When it comes to Gun Range, building and material cost tends to be very high
  - Matt asked about if the proposal will include some sort of Environmental Design
    - Scott always incorporates Environmental design because that's what his original degree is in
  - Consider phasing the Gun Range project

## **PROJECT UPDATES:**

- Nathan Guy spoke about grant options, smaller amount of funding, as well as we need to start the grant process now for 2024-2025

## **AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING:**

- Next Meeting will be held at Lake Lowell Park September 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm-7pm
  - No Doodle Pool this will be the new monthly schedule
- Alex and Nicki work on range rules list
- Figure ECO Blocks cost and quantity
- Restructure the GHD proposal

**ADJOURN: 7:38 p.m.**

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday – 6pm-7pm**