



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department
Shooting Range

Date: December 1, 2023
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Through: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Beth Powell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
From: Jerry Seldes, Manager, Indian River County Public Shooting Range
Subject: Updated Fee Schedule for the Indian River County Public Shooting Range

BACKGROUND:

The Indian River County Public Shooting Range (Range) opened in April of 2001 which was established through a partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC). A Concessionaire Contract with FWCC (#00252) was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on March 13, 2001, which established the use of the property, facilities, and fee structure through a Concessionaire's Operational Plan. The Contract has had three amendments since 2001. Since entering into the Concessionaire Contract with the FWCC for the operation of the Range, there have been three (3) increases in fees. As the County enters its 23rd year of operation, an update to the current rates structure will capture natural inflation and the increased costs of management and operation for the facility, amenities, and grounds maintenance. The updated fee schedule proposed is authorized within the County's amended contract with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Amendment 3), most recently updated and approved by the BCC on August 4, 2023.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

The last fee update approved by the BCC on December 18, 2018, included an increase of standard fees for the Pistol & Rifle Range pass and a discounted "Buy 10 Range Passes Card." Fees were increased from \$9.75 to \$10.78 for adults, with no increase for juniors. A fee was established for the 10 Range Pass Card at discounted rate of \$87.50. Within the December 2018 fee increase, there were no fee increases for Skeet/Trap, Sporting Clays/5 Stand, Shotgun Rentals, Golf Cart Rentals, Tournament/Event Discounts, Discounted Bulk Clay Target pricing, Air Gun Range, Classroom use, Archery Range/Course, or staffing costs.

The proposed rates include an update and evaluation of all fees currently charged at the Range and those which will capture a more accurate cost of business operations including classroom reservations and staffing costs for events after hours or those requiring additional staff beyond the normal daily operational schedules for public use. These fees will allow staff to appropriately charge for special events, rentals, and reservations requested by guests. Modest increases will

allow for recapture of actual expenses that have been absorbed by the County as a result of increases across many platforms affecting materials, labor, shipping, and personnel. A Rifle/Pistol guest would experience an increased cost of approximately \$3.22 for an average half-day experience. A Skeet/Trap guest's round would increase \$2.00 and sporting clays/5 stand would increase \$1.00 per round. This would equalize the price between all the shotguns sport venues. Added to the fee schedule are updated range use options allowing for accommodations of special events, expanded access and use of the classroom, action field, and reservation opportunity at the Skeet and Trap fields.

Current and Proposed Fees for the Indian River County Public Shooting Range

	Current	Proposed
Skeet/Trap	\$8.00/round	\$10.00/Round
Sporting Clays/5 Stand	\$9.00/round	\$10.00/Round
Shotgun Rental	\$10.00	\$15.00
Golf Cart Rental	\$20.00	\$25.00
Tournament/Event discount fee/Non-Profit		\$8.00/round
2000 Clay Targets	Proposed	20% Discount
Rifle/Pistol Range	\$11.78	\$15.00
Junior Rifle/Pistol	\$8.75	\$10.00
Archery Range	\$3.00	\$4.00
Archery Course	\$5.00	\$5.00
Junior Archery Range	\$2.00	\$2.50
Junior Archery Course	\$3.00	\$3.50
Airgun Range	\$3.00	\$4.00
Junior Airgun Range	\$2.00	\$2.50
.22 Rifle Rental	\$10.00	\$10.00
10 Visit Range Pass Rifle/Pistol	\$92.50	\$105.00
Classroom Use	\$50.00/hour	\$65.00/Hour
Action Field	\$50.00/Hour	\$65.00/Hour
Archery Field	Proposed	\$50.00/Hour
Archery Course	Proposed	\$50.00/Hour
Skeet/Trap Field, 5 Stand Field (4-hour blocks)	Proposed	\$10.00/per hour \$25/4-hour block
Range Officer/6 guests	Proposed	\$25.00/hour
Field / Classroom - Set up / Breakdown Fee	Proposed	\$50.00/each

Upon approval of the updated fee schedule, staff will be formalizing an Indian River County Shooting Range Standard Operating Procedure Guide (Guide) which will be brought to the Board for review and approval at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting. This Guide will govern the use of the facility, as well as outline the Range rules and procedures for both guests and staff. The Guide will also include a standard Instructor Agreement, Reservation Agreement, and License Agreement. The opportunity for public and Board comment will be sought for this approved Guide.

FUNDING:

There are no operational or expense funding impacts requested or associated with this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve the proposed fee schedule as outlined in the table above with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

ATTACHMENT:

Amendment State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; FWC Contract No. 00252, Amendment 3

DISTRIBUTION:

William R. Cline, FFWCC, Tallahassee, FL

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR DECEMBER 12, 2023