

## **APPENDIX B**

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### June 26, 1997

The initial public informational meeting was held to identify the various interest groups participating in this effort, to determine the membership of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and to identify the major issues to be addressed in this process. In an effort to determine these major issues of concern, the WDNR distributed a questionnaire to involve the citizens asking them to identify the critical issues associated with the McMiller Sports/Shooting Facility (MSSF.) Approximately 50 citizens attended this first meeting.

### July 17, 1997

The WDNR confirmed the membership of the CAC and set a letter to the committee representatives.

### July 24, 1997

The initial meeting of the 17 member CAC was held to exchange information and to establish a common understanding of the issues associated with the MSSF. The first meeting focused on:

- \*Meeting protocol
- \*The role and responsibility of the CAC.
- \*A presentation on the history of the MSSF.
- \*A distribution of background information (committee membership/representation, a copy of the facility lease, a copy of the DNR "Gunfire Noise Study" and sections of the KMSF –SU Master Plan.)
- \*A summary of the comments/issues derived from the 130 questionnaires received by the WDNR.

The comments received from the questionnaires identified a range of critical issues associated with the MSSF. These issues were categorized into 5 major areas: noise, range use/operations, trail use, safety and the environmental impacts.

The CAC concurred with these as the major issues associated with the MSSF.

In reviewing these issues presented by the public and in discussion with the CAC, it is evident that the trail use issue was a prominent concern of both the facility and general forest users. It was also apparent that this issue could be addressed separately through an AD HOC committee comprised primarily of the cross-country ski interest and the WDNR staff. The trail use issue centered on 3 major areas:

- \*Grooming, operation and maintenance of the existing ski trails.
- \*Parking at MSSF with the use of the chalet building for pre and post skiing activities.
- \*Potential for relocation of the ski trail around the MSSF to avoid the facility use conflicts.

The AD HOC committee met 4 times to refine these issues and address any outstanding concerns. The committee agreed to the following resolution:

- \*That the parking at MSSF would be accessible to skiers during adequate ski conditions when the range is open and closed. A sign indicating this will be posted.
- \*That the chalet is accessible to all when the range is open and that the WDNR will staff the chalet on the weekends when the range is closed and conditions are suitable for skiing.
- \*That the ski trail be relocated along the east perimeter fence of the MSSF to enhance ski users safety and enjoyment and to separate this ski trail from the hiking and other trail uses which tend to contribute to trail surface damage.
- \*That the MSSF be closed one weekend a month during the ski season if conditions are adequate for skiing.

### September 18, 1997

The second meeting of the CAC focused on information and presentations on mapping of the facility, history of the range, lead issues at the gun ranges, a summary of the follow-up sound/noise study conducted by the WDNR's consultant as well as a summary presentation of the AD HOC committee work on the trail use issue.

Since there had been no previous testing at the MSSF for lead (Pb) contamination of soil or ground water it was suggested that the WDNR conduct an initial assessment to determine if there is a lead (Pb) concern at the facility, what needs to be done to remediate this concern, and implement any required remediation of problem areas, if warranted. See [Chapter 8](#) for the results of the lead (Pb) assessment.

George Kamperman, of Kamperman Associated Inc., is the consultant hired by the WDNR to conduct a study of the noise issue and make recommendations on noise abatement measures to be implemented at the MSSF. At this meeting, Mr. Kamperman summarized his previous study "DNR Gun Noise Study" (January 30, 1996) for the CAC. Mr. Kamperman was again hired to evaluate the effectiveness of the noise abatement measures implemented at the fixed shooting stations and the sporting clay course as recommended in his previous study. The data obtained from this recent testing was limited and generally inconclusive. Except for some limited sound measurement taken by WDNR and the Wern Valley Staff to evaluate a prototype shooting station, no additional sound testing has been conducted in or around the MSSF.

#### **November 13, 1997**

At this meeting, the CAC confirmed the 5 major issues to be addressed and received the results of the lead (Pb) sampling. The CAC was briefed on the activity of the AD HOC committee involving trail use issues and agreed upon resolutions and listened to a presentation on Silent Sports trends. Mr. Tim Lawhern, a WDNR expert on gun ranges, the shooting sports and safety issues related to hunting and outdoor recreation was introduced at the meeting.

The CAC also received a summary of a comprehensive survey conducted by Captain Eric Severson, Waukesha County Sheriff Department (survey found in Appendix C of this report.) The survey polled 42 law enforcement agencies in and around Waukesha County on their use of the MSSF and their existing training activities and potential facility needs. The inconvenience of the MSSF location, the cost and the travel times were some use limitations identified by various law enforcement agencies. There was a strong recommendation from the CAC to continue to accommodate the evolving needs of the law enforcement community at the MSSF. There was also a strong recommendation that the law enforcement community initiate a feasibility study to evaluate the overall needs of the law enforcement agencies in the Southeast Wisconsin region and establish a regional "state of the art" shooting range/law enforcement facility at an appropriate location with facilities conducive to accommodating modern training activities in real life situations, (ie. live shoot house, classroom facilities, outdoor training areas and extended ranges.)

The CAC initiated a discussion of potential solutions to five major issues previously identified. The issues and range of potential solutions is identified in Chapter 4.

#### **January 22, 1998**

The meeting included an update on the lead (Pb) testing results. See Chapter 8 for lead (Pb) testing results. A summary of a WDNR/Wern Valley sponsored shooters survey (Appendix D). A discussion on the history and future of sporting clays at the MSSF with the majority of the committee, predominantly made up of facility users, urging the WDNR to commence shooting the sporting clay course immediately and the neighbors recommending the elimination of the sporting clay range until the noise issue is resolved. The CAC was also presented with a summary of the reasonable alternatives for the fixed station range.

#### **May 28, 1998**

The WDNR presented an early draft of the MSSF Report to the CAC for their review. The committee concurred with the expedient of the installation of the baffles at the 50-yard range for safety protection. The committee also recommended that the WDNR list the outstanding maintenance and safety activities needed at the facility. In addition the WDNR was to work with the lessee to identify all reasonable development activities and provide cost estimates on those potential measures.

#### **July 9, 1998**

The WNDR and the lessee have identified the short-term and long-term projects needed or proposed at the MSSF. The WNDR staff presented this list in a priority/ranking format. This generated discussion of what the MSSF should look like in the future. The CAC suggested that WNDR needs to decide on the future layout, operation and development of the MSSF. The WNDR will make the necessary changes and decisions to these projects and present them in a budget framework that reflects priority and layout.

**August 6, 1998**

The WNDR presented the Project Development Recommendations and other recommendations of the CAC for inclusion into the final report. A final report will be sent tot the committee for the use and information.