



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 13

DATE OF MEETING: April 20, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Dee Turner, Parks and Recreation Supervisor
Mark Hamlett, PE, NC Wildlife Resources Commission

SHORT TITLE: Approval to Enter into Negotiations with NC Wildlife Resources Commission Regarding a Partnership in the Operation of the Holly Shelter Shooting Range

BACKGROUND: On February 2, 2015 Mark Hamlett, PE, with North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission gave a presentation about the planned pistol and rifle shooting range in Holly Shelter Game Lands. Without a partnership with Pender County, the shooting range will consist of one (1) twenty-five (25) yard pistol range and one (1) two hundred (200) yard rifle range. A partnership with Pender County would allow for additional facilities to be constructed; i.e. a restroom facility, 3-D archery range, additional pistol and rifle ranges, etc. With the addition of facilities, the shooting range will need to be staffed by a certified range officer(s) approximately forty (40) hours per week. The salary for this staff, janitorial maintenance of the restrooms as well as minor grounds and facility maintenance would be the responsibility of the partner. Revenue collected for use of the shooting range, would assist with the expenses occurred for staff and maintenance. The fees, required maintenance, operation schedule, etc. are items to be negotiated.

NC Wildlife Resources Commission currently has a partnership with the US Forest Service for the Flintlock Shooting Range with is located in the Uwharrie National Forest. This range opened in May 2014. The Flintlock Range charges \$3 per day or \$30 per year for use and is opened five days per week. The range officer is paid \$25,000 per year. In the first nine months of operation, the Flintlock Range collected \$8442.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for staff to enter into negotiations with NC Wildlife Commission regarding a partnership in the operation of the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.