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February 15, 2019

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Committee on Budget and Finance

From: Satish Udpa *Satish Udpa*
Acting President and Executive Vice President for Administration

Subject: Long-Term Lease with Michigan Shooting Centers, LLC at the John and Marnie Demmer Shooting Sports Education and Training Center

RECOMMENDATION

The Trustee Committee on Budget and Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to enter into a long-term lease with Michigan Shooting Centers, LLC ("Lessee") that allows the Lessee to maintain and operate the John and Marnie Demmer Shooting Sports Education and Training Center ("Demmer Center") on the south campus of Michigan State University, including the development of an outdoor shotgun range.



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to enter into a long-term lease with Michigan Shooting Centers, LLC to operate the John and Marnie Demmer Shooting Sports Education and Training Center for a term that may exceed 10 years, and upon such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Executive Vice President for Administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University grants a land use zoning variance for purposes of expanding the Demmer Center through development of an outdoor shotgun range on land surrounding the current facility.

BACKGROUND

The Demmer Center began operations in 2009 and offers educational, recreational, and competitive shooting sports opportunities to the public and MSU community. Despite achieving numerous accolades and USA Olympic certifications, profitability has proven difficult given University limitations. Current firearm operations at the Demmer Center have been limited to small-bore pistols and rifles, though, in anticipation of future development, the existing range was built to also accommodate large-bore firearms.

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It is recommended that Michigan Shooting Centers, LLC ("MSC"), a professional shooting range management entity, maintain and operate the premises in order to better advance the Center's mission. This will require allowing the use of higher caliber centerfire firearms indoors and the development an outdoor shotgun range. MSC currently operates two shooting range facilities in Michigan for the Department of Natural Resources, a founding partner of the Demmer Center.

When the Board approved the establishment of the Demmer Center in 2007, a land use zoning variance was required because the site is located in the Agricultural District and the use is not a permitted use in such District. The development of an outdoor shotgun range will include additional land surrounding the Demmer Center that was not included in the original variance, therefore an additional variance is required for the expansion.

In accordance with Board Ordinance 2.04, the MSU Police Chief has granted an exception to Board Ordinance 18 to allow the use of large-bore firearms and shotguns at the facility.

cc: Board of Trustees, J. Youatt, N. Barr, M. Zeig, B. Quinn,
D. Bollman, V. Gore, M. Haas, J. Gaboury, B. Kranz, M. McCabe,
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February 1, 2019

Michigan Shooting Centers, LLC.
Pat Leiske, Owner
2500 Kern Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Dear Mr Lieske,

It in my understanding that Michigan Shooting Centers, LLC ("MSC") will operate and maintain the John and Marnie Demmer Shooting Sports Education and Training Center ("Demmer Center") located at 4830 E. Jolly Road.



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After careful consideration, the Michigan State University Police Department is granting MSC a waiver for university ordinance #18.00 (Firearms or Weapons). This specifically grants the use of up to .45 caliber weapons in the Demmer Center indoor range, and the use of shotguns at an outdoor range for skeet and sporting clays.

This waiver is dependant on MLC complying with Michigan Act 269 of 1989 regarding sport shooting ranges, which includes the adoption of generally accepted operational practices as designated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Kelly Roudebush
Police Chief and Director