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July 8, 2020

The Honorable Harold Perrin
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300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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For the reason of economic growth, I am asking for a favorable vote on the continuation and completion of the Jonesboro Shooting Complex.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Monte Hodges
State Representative
District 55

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August 7th, 2020

From: Representative Johnny Rye

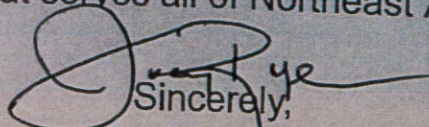
To: Honorable Harold Perrin, Mayor of Jonesboro
The Jonesboro City City Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

The reason for my writing you today is concerning the Jonesboro Shooting Sports Complex. We know that there has been funding, set forth, for the complex. I want to encourage you all, to take another important step and fully fund this worthwhile and much needed project. This project, not only is an important part of Jonesboro, it also serves the Paragould, Harrisburg, Marked Tree, Bay and Trumann areas and the entire Northeast Arkansas areas.

Another area that is served by this complex is our youth and parents in our area. Many of our youth are taking part and learning about the safety of weapons. The youth learn how to shoot their firearms and they are also taught how to safely handle firearms.

I want to thank you for your time concerning this important project that serves all of Northeast Arkansas.


Sincerely,

Representative Johnny Rye
Arkansas District 54

To whom it may concern,

My name is Joey Glaub. My family and I enjoy shooting rifles, pistols, & shotguns.

I am also head coach of the Jonesboro Shooting Stars Youth Trap Team which competes in the Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program as well as the AIM division of the Amateur Trap Association. The kids of NEA deserve a safe place to practice what has become the fastest growing sport in Arkansas, trap shooting. We have 25 youth grades 6th-12th grade on our team. Our team is at the mercy of a parent, who's child once shot with us, but now has graduated out of the program, allowing us to shoot on their property. Each year our team is left wondering if we will still have a place to practice for the upcoming shooting season because the parent is just tired of us.

A shooting sports complex would ensure that we can continue the sport as well as expand the numbers of youth actively involved with our team. It would also allow participation to expand into other shooting disciplines as well.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to fund this project.

Joey Glaub – Head Coach Jonesboro Shooting Stars Youth Trap Team

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Larry J. Smith
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December 22, 2016

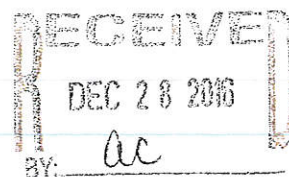
U.S. Army Corps, MD
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State Permits Branch, Water Division
Ark. Dept. of Environmental Quality
Attn. Lazendra Hairston
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Re: Comments on MVM-2016-266 (JKB)

Thank you very much for the privilege to comment on this project. Jonesboro is proposing to build a full service public shooting sports complex. It has a proposed wetland impact of 8.3 acres and a 22.7 acre mitigation site. The mitigation proposed for this project appear to be more than adequate and quite generous.

My comments will fit better into the Public Interest Review box than anywhere else in the regulatory matrix. The unique nature of the project brings me to this conclusion. The tri state region of West TN, Western Arkansas and North Mississippi have no public full service shooting ranges. In West TN citizens are limited to one expensive private shooting club and a small unmanned 4 bay range East of Jackson TN in Natchez Trace State Park. Tennessee's Game and Fish Department, known as the TN Wildlife Resources Agency or TWRA has a wonderful indoor shooting range in Bartlett TN but can only accommodate pistols and is also quite expensive. In short, the need is great for a full service shooting area that can accommodate high powered rifles in this region. The fact that the hunting public provide a substantial amount of the funds to buy wetlands and other lands that are preserved for hunting and fishing can be balanced against the demise of 8.3 acres to provide a much needed service to the hunting public. The connection is clear, without convenient public, places to test and sight hunting weapons, hunting becomes less popular and will decline and those funds derived from hunting decline. Jonesboro



is a modest drive from the Memphis area, and will be heavily utilized by the Tri State residents. I have urged TWRA to provide West TN with a full service gun range with the more than ample Pittman Robertson Act funds over the last few years and they have begun the process to build a public skeet range near Bolivar TN. Again, still no place for the public to legally shoot long guns.

I want to thank Jonesboro for moving forward with this great project that will be a source of enjoyment for the 3 State region.

Sincerely,

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Larry J. Smith

July 13, 2020

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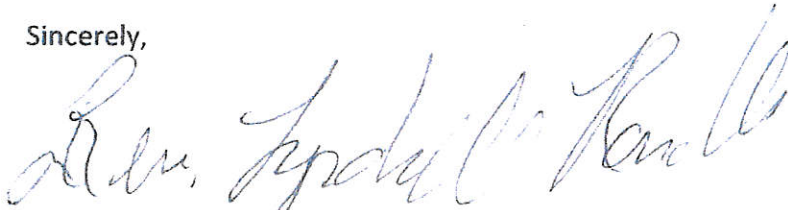
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Pastor Lyndrell Randle
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Dr. Glen Fenter, Superintendent

July 6, 2020

Dear Mayor Perrin -

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July 7, 2020

Mayor Perrin,

As the President of the Marion AR Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Developer for the city, it has come to my attention that Jonesboro is contemplating the development of a shooting sports complex. I understand that the facility would serve as a law enforcement training facility as well as a public facility. I believe that such a complex would be an economic development driver for your city and the entire region.

The City of Marion is in favor of any development that entices people to visit the northeast region of Arkansas. Jonesboro is recognized as the largest and most economically sound city on this side of the state and we support your pursuit of a shooting sports arena.

While our town has not had the opportunity to work with the P3 Group, we are aware of the extensive projects they are building in West Memphis. I am personally acquainted with principals of the firm and can attest to their passion for creating and assisting communities to grow and prosper.

Thank you for your attention. Best of luck to you and your city on this and all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy Brick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracy Brick
President/Economic Developer
Marion Chamber of Commerce



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July 9, 2020

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Sincerely,

Emily Scarbrough

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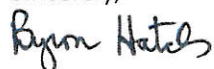
I have written this letter of support for the approval of the Jonesboro Shooting Sports Complex. The construction of a new, state-of-the-art facility in Northeast Arkansas is tremendous news, and the positive impact that such an edifice will have on the region - it's youth, families, and commerce – will be reaped far into the future.

I am a native Arkansan as I grew up in Humphrey, Arkansas. Education was the foundation my parents taught me would serve as the vehicle on the journey towards success. Sports and competition have fueled me during this journey. Because of the family and friends I have from Jonesboro, the city has always conjured up fond memories.

I understand the significance a healthy Jonesboro economy provides the Northeast Arkansas region. From the time I spent in Fayetteville with the University of Arkansas as an Associate Athletic Director until now as an Assistant Commissioner at the Southeastern Conference (SEC), I have seen firsthand how the stakeholders of Northwest Arkansas have developed a regional mindset in terms of economic development that has allowed that region to blossom economically. The proposed shooting sports complex could be both a vehicle and fuel that further enhances the economic vitality of Jonesboro and the Northeast Arkansas region.

Because of Jonesboro's strategic location within the Mid-South's Tri-State area, the presence of Arkansas State University, and the growing appeal of shooting sports, I believe developing a shooting sports complex in Jonesboro will be well received by the citizens in the city and region and will provide dividends well into the future. Additionally, I am in support of the P3 Group, Inc. (P3), who is currently being vetted by the developer of this project. In witnessing the municipal work P3 is doing in my native county of Jefferson County, Arkansas, I feel confident this group will serve Jonesboro with the same level of commitment and excellence it has demonstrated in my native county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Byron Hatch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Byron Hatch, J.D.

June 22, 2020

Dear Jonesboro City Council:

I am writing this letter in support of the completion of the Jonesboro Shooting Sports Complex and the proposal from the P3 Company to finance and complete the work in a very timely manner. The complex will afford the youth trap shooting teams a much needed facility for practice and competition. They will need many more than three trap fields to accommodate their practice schedules. Amateur Trapshooting Associated tournaments will be well attended and three fields will not be sufficient to handle the kind of volume that can be expected for these events. Additionally, a well appointed complex with adequate parking, concessions, and a pro shop will attract many trap, pistol, and rifle shooters not only from northeast Arkansas but from around the state and surrounding areas such as Tennessee, Missouri, and Mississippi. The archery field will also be used by the Arkansas State University Archery club, which is an NCAA sanctioned club sport, for practice and tournaments.

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Sincerely,

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June 24, 2020

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Sincerely,

Jim Magee

-Jonesboro Resident, AYSSP Trap Coach, ATA competition shooter

June 24, 2020

Hello,

As a father of 3, I would love a nice complex to further train my children and educate them more in a fun way. I personally would be glad to pay a fee to have the complex access.

My two sons are trap shooting enthusiasts and my daughter loves shooting her pistol. These kids have friends who love target shooting also, and what a fun day to spend doing that.

This complex WILL bring commerce to Jonesboro: restaurants, shooting supplies, entertainment and hotel rooms for tournaments and shopping for those family members who don't want to stay at the complex while the others compete/practice.

Why not have a first class facility as part of the great city of Jonesboro? If you build it, commerce will come!

Thank you,

Bert McMinn

Sent from my iPhone

June 24, 2020

Dr. Mello

I am writing this email in support of our local Shooting Sports Complex currently under construction in Jonesboro. Many local youths will benefit by having a place to shoot targets and trap, which in-turn, they will be able to hone their skills and become proficient marksmen and hunters. Shooting sports are a hobby you can share with all of your friends, both male and female. It can be a lifelong passion with both individual and team competitions.

I would encourage you to help get this project finished for the citizens of North East Arkansas and the many youth programs across the area that will benefit from this amazing complex. It will no doubt bring in many from outside of our great town and help further stimulate our local economy.

Thanks for your time.

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Dear Mr Mello

My name is Corey Craine, my son is 13 and shoots trap for Brookland. The completion of the shooting complex would be a great benefit for all of the people that enjoy the shooting sports. My son loves shooting trap, and since it is the only sport he actually participates in, having the shooting complex in Jonesboro would allow him more time to improve his skills. As I'm sure you already know, hundreds of students within the Jonesboro school district shoot trap. It would be a very beneficial and worthwhile project for the city to complete so that our local shooting community doesn't have to travel hours to shoot for practice and competitions.

Thank you for all you have done and your time,

Sincerely

Corey Craine

Sent from my iPhone

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Arkansas State University Archery Club Faculty Advisor



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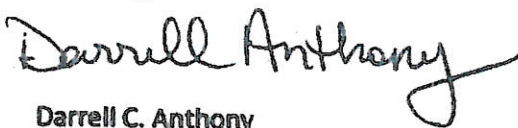
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For the continuous economic growth of Craighead County, I am asking for a vote in the right direction on the continuation and completion of the Jonesboro Shooting Complex.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,



Darrell C. Anthony
Affiliate Broker
Crye-Leike Realtors

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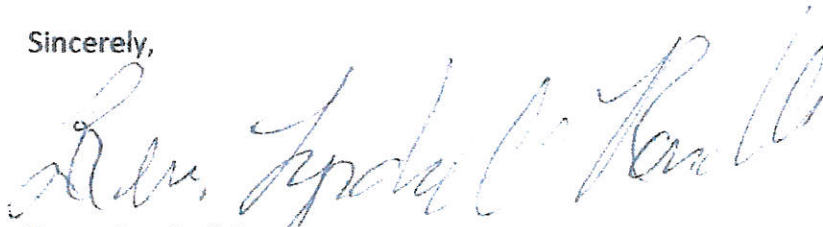
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7/1/2020

To: The City of Jonesboro

RE: Jonesboro Shooting Sports Complex

Dear member of the Jonesboro City Council:

I am writing in support of the completion of the Jonesboro Shooting Sports Complex. As a boy raised in the Jonesboro area, I have many fond memories of spending time with my father as he taught me gun safety and responsibility. I learned to respect firearms and life with a rifle against my shoulder. I now have a son of my own and have worked to instill in him that same values, respect, and skills that I was taught. However, finding a place to safely practice the shooting sports has become more and more difficult.

When I learned that Jonesboro was constructing a shooting facility, I was excited and ready to begin using it. I am still waiting in anticipation for this place so I can spend some quality time with my son as he learns to handle and discharge firearms with safety and accuracy.

I understand that the process of raising funds to complete this project can be slow, but I want to encourage you to make it a priority for the city. Please, work to fund the Jonesboro Shooting Sports Complex.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chad R. White". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chad R. White

July 1, 2020

To: Jonesboro City Council

The addition of a shooting complex in the Jonesboro area would make a great addition to the city. It would be a great attraction in the sense of competition for firearms enthusiasts. In my experience, it would also bring in more revenue and out-of-town people in to the city. I, for one, would also like to see training groups to teach people how to properly handle and respect firearms for the youth of today, as well as adults.

Thank you for your consideration.

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July 6, 2020

Mayor Harold Perrin
300 S Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Dear Mayor Perrin,

I am writing you concerning my excitement about the possible construction of a shooting complex in Jonesboro. My understanding is that the P3 Group, Inc. is in the running to develop this shooting complex and have developed a finance proposal to be presented to the city council. I ask that you allow the city council to vote on said proposal to make this complex a reality.

Sincerely,

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07-06-2020

Greetings Mayor Perrin and City Officials

I hope this message finds you well. My compliments on the exceptional job you and your leadership are doing to serve your local citizens. I am corresponding in support of the shooting complex for the City of Jonesboro. The shooting complex will help generate revenue for the local economy and in turn provide other opportunities for the City of Jonesboro. Please consider moving forward with the finance proposal that will pay for this project in full. This initiative will not only benefit the citizens of the City of Jonesboro, but surrounding communities as well. As a resident of Northeast Arkansas I can attest many are looking forward to the finalization of this project. Thank you again for all that you do!

Best Regards

Janice Coleman

Jonesboro Shooting Complex

From: Ray Robins (raymrobins@gmail.com)

To: mpslabman@sbcglobal.net

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 10:11 PM CDT

Greetings Mayor Perrin,

I hope that you are staying safe and well during these unprecedented times. I am a proud ASU Alumni and I still reside in northeast Arkansas. I am writing you regarding the sports shooting complex. Having a facility like this will continue to propel Jonesboro and the surrounding areas on its upward trajectory. I urge you to allow the city council to vote on this tremendous growth opportunity.

Sincerely,

R. M. Robins

Sent from my iPhone

July 7, 2020

Mayor Harold Perrin
City of Jonesboro
300 S Church St
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

Dear Mayor Perrin:

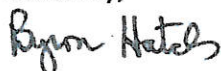
I have written this letter of support for the approval of the Jonesboro Shooting Sports Complex. The construction of a new, state-of-the-art facility in Northeast Arkansas is tremendous news, and the positive impact that such an edifice will have on the region - it's youth, families, and commerce - will be reaped far into the future.

I am a native Arkansan as I grew up in Humphrey, Arkansas. Education was the foundation my parents taught me would serve as the vehicle on the journey towards success. Sports and competition have fueled me during this journey. Because of the family and friends I have from Jonesboro, the city has always conjured up fond memories.

I understand the significance a healthy Jonesboro economy provides the Northeast Arkansas region. From the time I spent in Fayetteville with the University of Arkansas as an Associate Athletic Director until now as an Assistant Commissioner at the Southeastern Conference (SEC), I have seen firsthand how the stakeholders of Northwest Arkansas have developed a regional mindset in terms of economic development that has allowed that region to blossom economically. The proposed shooting sports complex could be both a vehicle and fuel that further enhances the economic vitality of Jonesboro and the Northeast Arkansas region.

Because of Jonesboro's strategic location within the Mid-South's Tri-State area, the presence of Arkansas State University, and the growing appeal of shooting sports, I believe developing a shooting sports complex in Jonesboro will be well received by the citizens in the city and region and will provide dividends well into the future. Additionally, I am in support of the P3 Group, Inc. (P3), who is currently being vetted by the developer of this project. In witnessing the municipal work P3 is doing in my native county of Jefferson County, Arkansas, I feel confident this group will serve Jonesboro with the same level of commitment and excellence it has demonstrated in my native county.

Sincerely,



Byron Hatch, J.D.