

# Range, Fisher Field and recycling highlight meeting

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Members of the public received an update on the Union County Target Range amid a flurry of business conducted by Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris in his regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21.

Paris amended the Intergovernmental Agreement between the county and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources setting fees at the range.

Once the range opens, the fee for annual membership to be obtained through the county will be \$200 for individuals and \$300 for a family, and for people who do not purchase a membership, the daily usage fee will be \$5 for people 15 and under and \$15 for everyone 16 and over.

Target Range fees will go toward paying for range safety officers, insurance, etc.

"We got those numbers from other shooting ranges in different parts of the state, and

we tried to keep ours a little bit under most of them," Paris said.

Original members in good standing of the Union County Gun Club, including charter members who have stuck with the project since the drive to build a range began in July 2017, will be able to shoot without paying another membership fee for three years.

To cover the fees for current Gun Club members, club leadership has voted unanimously to turn over to the county \$90,000 raised mostly through membership dues, according to Union County Sheriff Mack Mason, whom Paris thanked in the meeting for spearheading the range effort.

The commissioner said that rain compounded by drainage issues had impacted grading at the range, causing a delay to the initial opening timeline, but he expressed optimism that the range would be completed and ready to welcome the public by the middle of May, weather pending.



Lamar Paris  
Sole Commissioner