

Contract No. 004-054
 “Norsemen Outdoor Education Center”
 Submitted by Norsemen Archers, Inc.
 Principal Investigator: Jason Hanson
 Directives: D, A, B & C

PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor	Cost Share
Winfield Solutions	\$ 2,000
Reynolds United Co-op	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Subtotal Cash Cost Share	\$ 4,000
Norsemen Archers, Inc.	<u>\$ 82,500</u>
Subtotal In-Kind Cost Share	\$ 82,500
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$216,781</u>
Total Project Cost	\$303,281

Project Schedule – 9 months
 Contract Date – 3/26/2015
 Start Date – 3/26/2015
 Completion Date – 12/1/2015

Project Deliverables:
 Status Report: May 1, 2015 ✓
 Status Report: August 1, 2015 ✓
 Status Report: December 1, 2015* ✓
 Final Report: March 1, 2016
 Follow-up Report: December 1, 2016

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

The purpose of this project is to demolish the existing facility located in Portland and construct new facility with indoor range and meeting rooms.

STATUS:

The Commission awarded the funding with the contingency that the applicant display signage onsite recognizing the Outdoor Heritage Fund’s contribution to the project. Contract has been executed.

Status report received (A copy of the report along with pictures is posted on the website). The report states in part: Work on the project has commenced and the old facility has been razed. Demolition of the structure took place on Monday, April 13 and the debris was cleared and removed from the site. Additional work on the building site/pad was delayed until the last week in April and the clay/sand base was completed on May 1. Initial plumbing and concrete work has commenced and they are still hoping to have the building up by mid-July. The activity at the site adjacent to Highway 200 in Portland, ND has been the cause of much excitement through the local communities and we are extremely excited to see the progress in the next few weeks.

Norsemen Archers, Inc. has also hosted two clean-up days at our outdoor archery range, and members have sent a total of 218 hours between the indoor and outdoor ranges volunteering time. Members have been busy trimming trees, building backstops, and moving existing targets. Six additional archery targets were ordered on April 30 and those will be installed in the next few weeks. Additional activities and work days are being scheduled, and the improvements to the outdoor range will be significant. Our

outdoor range has been underutilized in the past, but with planned improvements it will soon be a major asset to our organization.

On March 28-29 our organization held its last event in our old facility, a youth 3-D shoot. Throughout the two days we hosted nearly 30 youth from local communities and we had on display our future building designs and information regarding the partnership between Norsemen Archers, Inc and the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission. Following the 3-D shoot, members of our organization were contacted by a grandfather from Casselton, ND and he thanked us for allowing his grandson to shoot during the weekend, and he praised our organization for welcoming them to our facility. We were told that they would be waiting to see the new building, and as an organization we are extremely excited to have included dozens of local youth through our doors. With the new facility our expectations are even higher.

Although it is too early to schedule, Hunter Education courses were tentatively scheduled to be held in the new facility in February/March 2016. Hunter Education courses were delayed in 2015 and will be held in June/July at the Portland, ND fire station, but our local instructors are extremely excited to host the 2016 courses in the new facility.

Progress on our project will continue and we look forward to future status reports and the changes that will be documented within them.

June 15, 2015 - Since June 1 we are proud to announce that additional plumbing and concrete preparation work has been completed and that the building materials have been ordered. We are also able to announce that our outdoor range has been improved enough to open it to the public on Wednesday evenings for the remainder of 2015. Norsemen Archers, Inc. will also have the range open to the public on June 27-28 as part of the Mayville-Portland Summerfest and our members will be grilling food and assisting on the range. We are all looking forward to that event. Work on the building will continue when weather allows and we still expect the building to be completed on time.

July 15, 2015 - Since June 15 we are proud to announce that additional plumbing projects have been completed and the main concrete pad has been successfully poured. Members of Norsemen Archers, Inc. also donated 100.0 hours of time towards laying tubes for the floor heat and assisting in preparation of the concrete work. We are proud to say that we have had great success with our members donating their time and effort throughout this project. The range was open to the public on June 27-28 as part of the Mayville-Portland Summerfest and our members assisted in grilling food and assisting on the range. We had a wonderful turnout and we are all looking forward to doing it again in 2016! The trusses for the building have been delivered and are on site and construction of the building will continue when weather allows.

November 20, 2015 - As you will see in the attached photos the main walls of the structure have been erected. Untimely rains caused a major delay in progress as contractors were unable to begin construction of the exterior walls on time, but now we are proud to show that we are back on track and are continuing to work towards opening this winter. Since July 15, we are proud to announce that additional plumbing (including floor heat), concrete and exterior gravel-fill projects have also been completed.

Members of Norseman Archers, Inc., donated a total of 475.0 hours towards completing exterior projects and by assisting contractors towards completing the main structure, as well as continuing to

clean up and improve the outdoor archery range. Hours donated were used to assist in completing plumbing projects and volunteers also assisted in pouring the last concrete pad. We are extremely proud to see our members donating their time and effort and we don't know what we would do without them!

We had an eventful summer and even though progress on the main structure was delayed, we are still working towards completing the building on budget. Additional funding sources are still being pursued, and we are proud to announce that additional in-kind funds were secured through the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and other local businesses and community members!

On behalf of our entire organization we would like to extend our appreciation to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board, the North Dakota Industrial Commission and all others involved in making our dream a reality. Please feel free to contact us (Norseman Archers, Inc.) if you need any additional information. Progress on our project will continue and we look forward to future status reports as we get closer to completing the project.

The Norseman Archers, Inc. requested an extension to finish the project by March 1, 2016. This extension is needed as a result of delays due to scheduling conflicts with their contractors. The contractor who is working on the main structure of the building should be done in early December. By allowing an extension to March 1, 2016 the Archers will be able to complete the indoor finishing work with the help of its members and other community volunteers. An extension has been granted.

January 26, 2016 update:

Norsemen Archers, Inc. requested from the Outdoor Heritage Fund the final \$20,978.86 in match funding to satisfy receipts from contracts that have already been completed. As you will see in the attached photos we are making great progress towards our goal of opening the building in March. The entire interior of the building has had electrical work completed and it is insulated. The boilers for the floor heat have been installed and soon we will begin heating the structure. Work continues to be done, but we are very proud to claim over 1,000 volunteer hours over the past few months. Hundreds of those hours have been donated by community members and the rest have come from members of Norsemen Archers, Inc. The support has been amazing!

Electrical and plumbing projects continue, and with warmer temperatures on the horizon our organization will again look towards the local communities and our membership to help us complete the project! Of course, work will always continue at both the outdoor and indoor range, but our main priority is to complete the indoor range in time and on budget! We are close to completing both!

On behalf of our entire organization we would like to extend our appreciation to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board, the North Dakota Industrial Commission, and all others involved in making our dream a reality! As we ask for the final matching funds it truly is an exciting time for our organization and the local communities. Please feel free to contact us (Norsemen Archers, Inc.) if you need any additional information. Progress will continue and we look forward to future status reports as we get closer to completing the project!

This contract is now closed with a returned commitment of \$300.00.

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