

**GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 14, 2022**

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Greg Fair

Eddie Martinez		Kevin Ross	
Greg Fair	<i>present</i>	Gary Wubbenhorst	<i>present</i>
Jane Arnett	<i>present</i>	Matt Jones	<i>present</i>
David L. Lock	<i>present</i>	Richard Flores	<i>present</i>
Ronald Schielke	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	<i>present</i>
Ceri Davies		Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

2. Approval of the 1-10-22 meeting minutes

Motion was made to approve minutes by Ron and was seconded by David.

3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Items for individual consideration

a. Old business

None.

b. Berm Update – Matt Jones

Matt said that the sluice gate on #6 is still on backorder. With the recent rains the lakes were overflowing but they have a manual way of opening the gates for now. Lakes are now at normal level. The fence around 4 and 5 is almost complete, and grading is about 98% finished. Some of Rio Grande fence is ongoing. Fence along 5 has been graded. Matt talked about revising the “out of bounds” boundaries.

Matt gave a status on the pumps. They are almost complete. Power is being run to them. We are about 14 to 21 days to being able to turn the pumps on.

c. Clubhouse Update – Robert Basford

Robert talked about the initial call with FGM Architects. They also had a site visit and were provided with council documents and Matt shared information about the usage if the clubhouse with them. They are working on a contract for next week, and are getting a draft together. The initial meeting went well. The designer has done about 20 golf clubhouses, and this company designs to budget. They plan to have a joint meeting with council and the advisory board to talk to stakeholders. There will be more in-depth discussion at our next meeting.

Gary asked about the budget and Robert said that they had given them 5 million to work with. The total square footage is still to be determined. There would be design-matching challenges if the original clubhouse is remodeled. They are going to look into the cost of remodeling the existing clubhouse versus building all entirely new facilities. Greg asked about the timeline and Robert said that he and Austin were planning to meet and discuss that tonight.

5. Staff briefings

a. Golf Course Operations Report – Matt Jones

Matt reported that revenues have been very good. They are right back to where they were before construction. Without construction adjustments they are actually ahead of last year. We had the best February on record, and January had the best dollar per round on record. There are no worries that the berm construction was going to cause a loss of customers. We have had great reviews about tee signs and other things.

The grounds crew will be doing some tree trimming and will also take several trees down due to safety and playability. There are plans to replant trees as well.

Matt talked about the beverage cart pilot program where the cart is parked instead of driving around. He is wanting to get opinions from players as to whether or not the beverage cart driving around bothers people. Jane said that they won't buy beer at the time that they are golfing until after they are finished. The water stations are near where it is parked.

Matt said that range balls were ordered and half of them have come in. There is a lot of maintenance to be done. They are going to start closing on the 4th Tuesday of every month for maintenance. The new irrigation system is doing great. The grounds crew will apply growth regulator on fields. They will also aerate and top dress some areas of the course with sand.

b. Golf Course Maintenance Report – Richard Flores

Richard reported that they have been doing a lot of tree trimming and working on projects that need to be done before the growing season. These needs to be done before applying pre-emergent and fertilizer. They planted some pampas grass and will have another shipment coming in.

The grass is still dormant. Richard said that they would be doing the last application of poacure. He is expecting early germination of goose and crabgrass, so he is applying a pre-emergent. He is also applying fertilizer and root growth.

Richard described the tasks involved in softening up the fairways roughs and around tee boxes. He talked about pre-emergent, aerating, opening up the grounds, application of gypsum, sending out soil samples, and the irrigation system. He said that the soil has compacted over the winter. The crews will start aerating in the morning. Will see how far they can get tomorrow. All airification needs to be done before 3/22.

The work will not affect play tomorrow for the Senior Tournament. They are not pulling plugs and will not bring soil to the surface. Tines will only breakup the soil and gypsum will help soften the soil. Will help with drainage. The new tee boxes were sodded with winter rye. The goal is to prevent soil compaction with amendments, turf heights, etc.

Gary asked about perennial problems - #2 green between trap at bottom – ditch, cart path sign at #5. Richard said that they will bring down the collar dams that hold the irrigation water. There is an issue with trees that shade the putting surface. A lot of the problem is due to shade and with old irrigation system that was not

watering enough. The crews will keep heavy equipment off the collar by using the walking mowers. May bring in another pallet of sod.

Matt said that there are about 13 or 14 collar dams that need to be addressed. That new design of #5 that there are more entrances into the green. Design will scatter players out wider instead of just one narrow area to get onto the green.

Area behind 11 green will be a place to store soil and sod for green 419 grass. Gary asked Robert to send the Greens Report to the Committee Members. The greens rating was talked about. Number 15 used to be the best. They were rated on coverage, collars, and weeds.

Matt congratulated Richard for recently passing two state exams for licenses for spray applications.

6. Future agenda items request

- a. Old business
- b. Berm Update – Matt Jones

7. Next Meeting Date:

5-9-22 at 5:30 pm

8. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting was made by Ron and the motion was seconded by David.