

**Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
January 17, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Golf Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on January 17, 2012, in the Park & Recreation Conference Room, 2005 1st Avenue. Present were: Board Members Tim Hughbanks, Kim Smith, Alex Straatman, Don Johnson, Michelle Carlson and Ken Nikels. City Staff present was Michael Morgan, City Manager; Dave James, Golf Services Manager; John Beideck, Golf Superintendent; and Robyn Bowman, Recording Secretary.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Chairman and Board Members of the Golf Advisory Board. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Golf Advisory Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Hughbanks announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted towards the back of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Smith, seconded by Carlson, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on October 16, 2011 be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

REVIEW ACTION ITEM LIST OF PROJECTS COMPLETED

Staff reviewed projects that have been completed since the last meeting with the board. They include: #3 tee leveled and sodded, #5 tee leveled and enlarged 10ft., and the driving range leveled and enlarged. Color coded flags are ordered for driving range. Ball washer has been purchased and staff is refurbishing flag poles with vinyl guard. More updates are planned on #15 tee, #2 reshaping of fairway, adding length to course on #6 hole and an emergency siren. Staff has worked with Emergency Management Coordinator on the siren. It will be radio activated and solar powered. The inclement weather shelter has been ordered and should be up and ready for use by early April. City Manager Morgan stated that work has been done on golf course by golf maintenance staff and other city department staff.

Future projects not budgeted were discussed; a new putting green south of clubhouse, potentially expanding the clubhouse to include a grill, and improved cooler storage space.

GOLF SERVICES REPORT

The course was down 175 rounds from projections. Staff felt weather played a part in the loss of rounds but this winter has had days where golf is possible. Staff has been selling season passes and has had golfers on several of the nicer days over December 26 to 31. City Manager Morgan stated that Meadowlark Hills was built to serve 35,000 rounds a season. Trying to get the number of rounds back up to that is a task that the board and staff needs to investigate. James stated that staff was looking in to more promotions similar to family golf night and couples nights with meals. Ideas discussed for promoting course is to put a Calendar of Events on the website, visit with other courses in Kearney to start a Play Kearney Package and possible host a table at Blue Gold at UNK. Staff will investigate these options.

James also reported that Meadowlark was awarded Boy Class D state for 2013 and possible 2015. The Kearney Country Club will host it in 2014.

City Manager Morgan reported that Dave James' title has changed to Golf Course Manager of the course.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Straatman, seconded by Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay. Motion carried.

**ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY**