

**Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
April 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 April 17, 2012, at Meadowlark Hills Clubhouse, 3300 30th Avenue. Present were: Board Members Tim Hughbanks, Kim Smith, Alex Straatman, and Ken Nikels. Absent: Michelle Carlson and Don Johnson. 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 Nickel, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on January 17, 2012 be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Michelle Carlson and Don Johnson. Motion carried.

REVIEW ACTION ITEM LIST OF PROJECTS COMPLETED

Chairman Hughbanks requested staff to update the board on the projects that have been completed and any on-going work being done. The projects that are completed include:

- The new color coded flags are in place on the driving range.
- The driving range has been re-shaped and enlarged. Waiting for the grass to grow in order to open. Hope to have it open mid-May weather permitting.
- Tee boxes 3-5-6-8 have been reshaped and seeded.
- Staff is working with Darren Lewis, Buffalo County Emergency Manager, on getting the emergency siren system set up. The siren will be on a 50 foot pole located by driving range with speakers pointed north and south. It will have a different tone than the tornado sirens.
- Ball washer is in and in use.
- Ice Machine for concessions has been purchased.
- Emergency shelter is completed. Staff is investigating going from a block wall to a hardi-panel wall for shelter.

GOLF COURSE MANAGER REPORT

- Rounds for the year are above the projected number by 1,600.
- A "Family Golf Night" program is being introduced starting in June. The program is for families to play golf for \$20 with 5 to a group, on the front nine. The goal is to get more kids introduced and involved in the sport of golf.
- The board discussed the possibility of holding another league play on Wednesday night opposite the women's league. It was suggested that a church league might be a possibility. Staff stated that they didn't think it would be a good idea taking away another full night of open play from the public.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Morgan commented that the golf course is on target with the green fees, the goal is to figure out a way to maximize the concession area in order to generate more income. Things that are needed to make that happen are a larger grill capable of serving up to 150 people and a kitchen area that allows for cold storage and food preparation. Mr. Morgan also stated that with the improvements that have been made on the course it will help in gradually eroding the philosophy that money can't be spent on the golf course.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Straatman, seconded by Nickels. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Michelle Carlson and Don Johnson. Motion carried.

**ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY**