

**Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
January 15, 2013
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 15, 2013, at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 3300 30th Avenue, Kearney NE 68845. Present were: Board Members Tim Hughbanks, Ken Nikels, Kim Smith, Don Johnson and Pam Pearson. Absent: Alex Straatman. City Staff present was Dave James, Golf Services Manager; Rex Rodehorst, Assistant 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.

Tim Hughbanks, Chairman welcomed new member Pam Pearson to the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Nikels, seconded by Smith, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on October 23, 2012 be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Straatman. Motion carried.

GOLF SERVICES REPORT

It was reported that as of January 15 the course is 152 rounds ahead of last year's total. Last year's total rounds from October 1 to January 15 was 2,671. This year there were a total of 2,823 rounds played during the same time period. Season pass rounds were also up by 229 total rounds. James stated that last year in January there were approximately a total of 600 rounds. The mild weather allowed the golf course to remain open longer which really helped the numbers.

Scorecard review: Staff discussed ideas for the scorecard with the board. It was determined that the new logo should go on the front, a larger map if possible and add that the "road/driving range is out of bounds" as a rule. James stated that he will get quotes from 2 companies and report back to the board.

GOLF COURSE MANAGER REPORT

- It was reported that due to safety issues with the maintenance building settling, a new building is being planned for a different location. James reported that the concrete has cracked exposing the electrical lines. With this unexpected expense, all of the approved budget items had to be moved back a year. Nothing has been determined on new site. Staff is working with an engineer on the new building plans.
- The Board viewed the clubhouse wall over the snack bar area that staff is getting quotes to fix. James reported that staff has repaired the wall several times but continues to crack.

- The MHGC Golf Action List was reviewed with staff updating the board on several projects that have been completed or that are scheduled to be completed this winter.
- The Golf Course Superintendent job has been filled. Dan Knipping will start February 4th. He was the golf course superintendent at Centura Hills Golf Course at Cairo, Nebraska.

GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT

Rodehorst reported that while he has been out on medical leave, Doug Conner, Golf Course mechanic has been preparing the equipment for the upcoming season. Staff did bring on a part time seasonal to help with the maintenance division.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Alex Straatman. Motion carried.

ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY