

***Golf Advisory Board  
Kearney, Nebraska  
February 16, 2016  
5:30 p.m.***

A meeting of the Golf Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on February 16, 2016, at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, 3300 30th Avenue, Kearney NE 68847. Present were: Board members: Chairman Ken Nikels, Pam Pearson, Nick Erdman, Gary Chramosta, Chet Graham, and Jim Van Amburg. City Staff present; Dave James, Golf Services Manager; Dan Knipping, Golf Superintendent; Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; 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 Nikels 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 Pearson, seconded by Chramosta, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on November 16, 2015, be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GOLF COURSE MANAGER REPORT**

James reviewed the rounds played for the year and noted that the course is ahead of projections by 800 rounds which is 200 rounds ahead of last year at this same time.

The board reviewed the Action List that was developed several years ago which showed several projects that have been completed. James stated that the items still listed were projects that would be ongoing or high capital items that would continue to remain on the list until they could be addressed. Questions concerning the wetland areas on holes 8,11 and 17 was brought up. Staff commented that because they are natural wetlands the Corps of Engineers would have to be involved in anything that would be done. Dredging and putting water back in those areas was discussed.

James discussed creating a "Ballhawking Policy" with the board. Ballhawking is when someone spends more time looking for lost balls and then sells those balls for profit. It slows play on the course, and it is one individual making profit from something off a public property. James stated that it wasn't an issue at the course at this time but he would like a policy in place so that he could refer to it if he needed to approach someone that was doing it on the course. After discussing it further and concern about how to define the policy a motion was made by Chramosta and second by Pearson that staff develop a policy for board to review on No Ballhawking at Meadowlark Hills. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Superintendent Knipping reported that staff has been working in the old shop building. The old office and breakroom walls were removed to open the space up for more equipment storage.

After the demo, staff repaired electrical and plumbing to these areas as well. The building is currently being used for equipment storage.

The board reviewed a winter schedule of equipment serviced by the golf course mechanic. The list included the type of equipment, what work was done, number of hours to complete and total cost. Work included basic repairs, cleaning and replacing parts.

The pump station is getting replaced and will have a variable speed system which means it will come up slow and be easier on the pipes. A new computer system built to the golf courses specifications will also be a part of the change. The system will potentially be down 3 days for the change but once that is completed the new system will be more efficient and cost effective.

Staff plans on repairing concrete on hole 8 and pouring new concrete on hole 6 up to the tee boxes.

**REPORTS/COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made Erdman, and seconded by Graham. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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**ROBYN BOWMAN**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**