

GOLF BOARD MEETING

February 2nd, 2026

Minutes

The meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be at City Hall.

5:30 PM - Call to order by Chairman Bartlett, City Hall Prairie room.

- **Determination of quorum to conduct business, Bartlett _x_ Regynski _x_ Booth _x_ Laurenz _x_ Villa _x_ Fitzke _x_ Bothun _x_ Wise _x_ Steiner _x_ Tipton _x_ Reitzel _x_**
- **Minutes of December 1st, 2025, meeting, motion to approve by Fitzke, seconded by Booth.**
- **Any additions to the agenda, motion to approve.**

Staff Reports:

Chad Wise, Clubhouse manager

- **Staff Reports and Operational Updates:** Chad provided updates on staff activities, including tournament contract revisions, staff interviews for the pro shop and deli, menu changes, vendor negotiations, and preparations for the upcoming golf season, with input from other team members regarding ongoing maintenance and equipment readiness.
 - **Tournament Contracts and Scheduling:** Chad reported working on paperwork for 2026, revising the tournament contract, and coordinating with various entities to finalize the tournament schedule, which is not yet complete.
 - **Staff Hiring and Interviews:** Chad has conducted several interviews for pro shop and deli positions, with two more interviews planned for a husband and wife team who will be unavailable for three weeks; Chad emphasized the importance of meeting them before their departure.
 - **Vendor and Demo Day Coordination:** Chad discussed ongoing negotiations with vendors such as Callaway, Ping, and Taylor Made for demo and fitting days, noting that Taylor Made is the most responsive and plans are being made to schedule a full demo day in advance.
 - **Course and Equipment Preparation:** Preparations for the course opening include maintenance tasks, vendor visits, and ensuring all necessary equipment and supplies are ready for the season.

Jordan Steiner, Superintendent

- **Tree Removal and Course Maintenance:** Jordan detailed recent tree removals, ongoing tree planting efforts, and comprehensive maintenance activities on both the course and clubhouse, addressing questions from participants about the impact on course rating and future tree planting.
 - **Tree Removal and Impact:** Several trees, including a large cottonwood on hole 11 and others on holes 15 and 16, were removed due to safety and maintenance concerns; the removal's impact on course rating was discussed, with the consensus that changes are minimal but will be reviewed.
 - **Tree Planting and Donations:** Jordan explained ongoing efforts to plant new trees each year, with some trees donated by individuals, and highlighted specific locations where new trees have been added.
 - **Course and Clubhouse Maintenance:** Maintenance activities included trimming trees, picking up fallen limbs, performing oil changes, replacing bearings, grinding bed knives and reels, and conducting clubhouse repairs such as changing lights, cleaning grease traps, and leveling tables.
 - **Equipment Inventory and Upkeep:** The team maintains a variety of equipment, including multiple types of mowers, sand pros, and a Bobcat excavator, with recent work focused on rebuilding rollers and ensuring all machinery is ready for the season.

Bryan Tipton, Director of Parks and Recreation

- **Golf Cart Fleet Transition to Electric:** Bryan, Jordan, and other participants discussed the potential transition from gas to electric golf carts, including cost savings, infrastructure readiness, lease adjustments, and operational considerations, with technical input from the electric department and vendor representatives.
 - **Cost and Maintenance Benefits:** Switching to electric carts is projected to save approximately \$14,000 annually in maintenance costs, with electric carts requiring less frequent servicing compared to gas carts.
 - **Infrastructure and Retrofit Assessment:** An assessment by the electric department revealed that the cart barn already has sufficient 15-amp outlets to support electric carts, eliminating the need for costly retrofitting.
 - **Lease and Fleet Details:** The proposed plan involves acquiring a 2021 electric fleet from EZGO, extending the current lease by one year, and maintaining the same payment terms; the city would be responsible for battery maintenance, but lithium batteries are expected to last up to 10 years.
 - **Operational Adjustments and Member Impact:** Private cart owners would need to relocate to accommodate charging needs, and the transition would not affect the number of carts available; participants discussed member preferences and the broader industry trend toward electric fleets.

Old Business

- **Driving Range Redevelopment Planning:** Bryan and the team reviewed preliminary plans for the driving range redevelopment, including grading, new tee boxes, target greens, drainage, irrigation, and the bidding process, with input on yardages and project timelines.
 - **Preliminary Design and Features:** The redevelopment plan includes a new tee box, alternate tee lines with mats, target greens, and improved drainage and irrigation, with all features listed as alternate bids to allow for flexible budgeting.
 - **Project Timeline and Approval Process:** The project requires budget allocation and commission approval before going out to bid, with construction unlikely to begin before 2027 or 2028 due to contractor availability and planning requirements.
 - **Yardage and Layout Considerations:** Yardages for target greens were discussed and documented, with input from participants on their appropriateness and the need for further review.
 - **Contractor and Bidding Expectations:** The team hopes to attract at least three major bidders, with discussions about potential contractors and their current workloads in the region.

New Business

- **Tournament Policy and Golf Calendar Coordination:** Chad and Bryan discussed updates to the tournament policy, coordination of the golf calendar, and efforts to accommodate various tournament requests, including resolving scheduling conflicts and communicating changes to stakeholders.
 - **Tournament Scheduling and Conflicts:** Efforts are underway to accommodate requests such as the Joe Pru Memorial tournament while ensuring the club's own events are not disrupted, with ongoing communication to resolve potential conflicts.
 - **Golf Calendar Management:** Chad manages the golf calendar, entering events on the city website and updating it as changes occur, with the goal of locking in the schedule as early as possible each season.
 - **Tournament Policy Implementation:** A new tournament policy was introduced to ensure sufficient group sign-ups before confirming events, addressing past issues with under-subscribed tournaments.

1. Report from HLGA – Laurenz
 - a. **Ladies League Registration and Events:** The Hillsview Ladies League reported smooth early sign-ups for GHIN handicaps, successful tournament scheduling, and outlined their regular monthly events and club championship dates.

2. Report from OMGA – Villa
 - a. **Men's League Registration and Points System:** The Men's League will encourage online registration through SDGA, eliminate in-person fee collection, and implement a simplified points system for the Hillsview Cup, awarding points for participation in all men's events without extra charges.

Dialogue as time permits.

6:27 PM – Adjourn – Motion made by Villa, seconded by Bothum

The next Golf Board meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2026, at the City Hall.