

## GOLF BOARD MEETING

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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  Regynski   
Booth  Laurenz  Kulesa  Fitzke  Bothun   
Wise  Steiner  Tipton  Reitzel**

- **Minutes of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, meeting, motion to approve by Kulesa, seconded by Laurenze.**

- **Any additions to the agenda, motion to approve by Kulesa, seconded by Fitzke.**

#### **Staff Reports:**

##### **Jordan Steiner, Superintendent**

- **Golf Course Calendar and Tournament Scheduling:** With Chad Wise not present, Jordan and others discussed updates to the event calendar, including potential hosting of the state AA boys' tournament, the final year of the Dan Prew tournament, and changes to the Hillsview Cup format.
  - **Potential State AA Boys' Tournament Hosting:** Bryan explained that the team was approached about possibly hosting the state AA boys' tournament in October due to Moccasin's irrigation project, with a final decision expected in June; this would require schedule adjustments and coordination with Aberdeen.
  - **Dan Prew Tournament Details:** Jordan clarified that the Dan Prew tournament, likely in its final year, will be the largest yet, and that the Hillsview Cup will not be held as a separate event during the same weekend to avoid conflicts.
  - **Hillsview Cup Format Change:** The group agreed that the Hillsview Cup will no longer be a standalone tournament; instead, the champion will be determined by cumulative performance across the season's events, with the OMGA Championship serving as the final qualifying event.
  - **Tournament Policy and Calendar Coordination:** Bryan noted that Chad was not present to address tournament policy, but confirmed that the calendar had been reviewed with Chad and that the group decided against shifting tournaments to later times, opting to maintain traditional scheduling.

- **Clubhouse and Course Maintenance Updates:** Jordan provided a comprehensive report on recent clubhouse repairs, roof and ceiling maintenance, groundskeeping activities, and preparations for the upcoming season, including irrigation and staffing.
  - **Lighting and Ceiling Repairs:** Jordan reported replacing nearly a dozen burnt-out lights in the women's bathroom and addressing water-damaged ceiling tiles by sealing leaking seams and resealing roof screws to prevent further water intrusion.
  - **Groundskeeping and Irrigation Preparations:** The team has been trimming trees and bushes, hand-watering greens due to favorable weather, and preparing to activate/charge the irrigation system once temperatures are consistently above freezing, referencing past opening dates for context.
  - **Equipment and Supplies Procurement:** Jordan mentioned bringing back chemicals, fertilizer, and golf accessories for the season, as well as servicing the fountain and working on hiring staff for the 2026 season.
- **Transition to Electric Golf Carts and Equipment Updates:** Jordan and Bryan discussed the imminent arrival of a new fleet of electric golf carts, the logistics of their delivery, and the expected arrival of new maintenance equipment by the end of March.
  - **Electric Cart Fleet Acquisition:** Jordan announced the official switch to electric carts, with the fleet expected within two weeks after inspection and repairs at Miller and Sons, and outlined the lease terms, including a two-year period with an optional third year.
  - **Logistics of Cart Delivery:** The group discussed transportation logistics, with plans shifting from multiple small loads to using a large hauler for efficiency, and confirmed the old carts will be removed as part of the process.
  - **Additional Equipment Arrivals:** Bryan added that new mowers and other equipment are also expected to arrive by the end of March, aligning with the arrival of the electric carts.
- **Course Opening Policies and Winter Operations Discussion:** Adam Kulesa questioned Reitzel regarding the topic, and others engaged in an in-depth discussion about the policies and practicalities of opening the golf course, including weather dependencies, staffing, comparisons with other courses, and the feasibility of winter or early openings.
  - **Determination of Opening Date:** The group confirmed there is no official opening date; decisions are based on weather conditions, irrigation readiness, and staff availability, with historical opening dates typically falling between March 15th and April 15th.
  - **Comparison with Other Courses:** Bryan and Jordan compared their policies with other municipal and private courses, noting differences in climate, staffing, and operational models, and discussed the pros and cons of opening during mild winters.
  - **Staffing and Contract Considerations:** The discussion highlighted that staff contracts and comp time, particularly maintenance crews, limit the feasibility of winter operations, and that opening earlier would require renegotiating contracts and ensuring adequate staffing.

- **Impact on Course and Playability:** Jordan explained that winter play can cause significant damage to greens, it can delay spring green-up, and that temporary greens and walking-only policies are common at courses that open sporadically in winter.
- **Public Expectations and Communication:** The group debated how to balance public demand for early access with operational realities, agreeing that clear communication about the reasons for opening timelines—such as course health and staffing—would help manage expectations.
- **Capital Improvement Fund Proposal:** Adam presented a preliminary draft for a capital improvement fund, sharing research on practices at other municipal and public courses, and outlined next steps for group review and potential city administration involvement.
  - **Research and Drafting:** Adam described efforts to gather information from various courses, focusing on municipal examples, and circulated a draft proposal to the subcommittee for feedback.
  - **Purpose and Mechanism:** The fund is intended to provide a mechanism for accepting donations or bequests, such as trust funds, which currently lack a formal process at the course.
  - **Next Steps and Stakeholder Input:** Adam suggested the group review the draft, narrow down options, and seek buy-in from city administration and the mayor before finalizing any recommendations.
- **OMGA Dues Collection and Membership:** The board reviewed changes to OMGA dues collection, separating it from the handicap system, and provided membership numbers for both OMGA and the HLGA.
  - **Dues Collection Process:** The group decided to simplify OMGA dues collection by using a \$10 drop box system at the pro shop, with handicap registration handled separately online or by Chad if desired.
  - **Membership Numbers:** OMGA membership was reported at 200–220, while the HLGA group had about 60 members.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Capital Improvement Fund Proposal:** Review the preliminary draft of the capital improvement fund proposal, provide input on additional options, and prepare a summarized list for discussion at the next meeting. (the rest of the group (including Lana))
- **Tournament Policy Update:** Follow up with Chad to address the tournament policy and provide an update at the next meeting. (Chad)

Dialogue as time permits.

**6:27 PM – Adjourn – Motion made by Bartlett, seconded by Fitzke**

**The next Golf Board meeting is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the City Hall.**

