

Golf Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
March 24, 2021

Members in attendance were Dan Birnley (Men's Rep.), Sam Jarvis (At-Large Rep.), Claudia McNair (Women's Rep.), Thayer Plewe (Youth Rep.), Councilmember Arlina Yazzie, Golf Pro Micah Rudosky, Golf Course Superintendent Tom Kramlich, and Director of Parks and Recreation Dean Palmquist.

No guests were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Sam Jarvis at 7:02 AM with the minutes approved from the September 23, 2020, advisory board meeting.

**Pro Report** – Micah shared that the golf course revenues are up \$17,620 compared to last year, which is a 16.8% increase. Micah said that the first golf tournament will be held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> which is the same weekend as the Master's Tournament and will tie into that event. Micah mentioned that the Pinto Bean Golf Classic Tournament will be coming back this year.

**Staff Report** – Tom mentioned that the golf course wintered well and shared the precipitation report from last year being 8.53 inches and the seasonal average typically being 13.21 inches which is 65% of the normal rainfall we get. Tom shared that the MVIC irrigation water will start on April 9<sup>th</sup>. (That date has since been revised to April 16<sup>th</sup>.) Tom mentioned that the golf course mechanic position has been filled by Judd Yench, and he is learning quite a bit about the golf course mechanic operation, particularly with the sharpening of the mower blades and knives. Tom mentioned that the port-a-potties will be available the first part of the golf season and then eventually the permanent restrooms will be opened up when the weather is warm enough. Tom stated that when he gets enough seasonal employees starting work, he will be doing stump grinding and some bench projects. Dean handed out a Conquistador Golf Course information sheet that Tom and Micah had put together for a City newsletter that he thought would be interesting facts about the golf course. Dean shared that he is working with the Bureau of Reclamation to obtain some of their water shares to send down to Denny Lake, as the MVIC water shares will be limited to a 50% water allocation at the start of the irrigated watering season. Dean stated that the City budget is in good shape, and there should be no more reduction of seasonal employees than what was approved during the budget process last year. Sam asked how much was the seasonal staff was reduced from the original budget request, and Tom shared that it would be around one seasonal staff position equivalent to .6 FTEs. Dean mentioned that he is working with Sparks Plumbing to get a natural gas line extended to the east side of the pro shop, so Micah can have natural gas heaters to warm the patio area for his staff and the patrons. Currently, Micah has propane heaters that get quite expensive to refill the propane bottles and the inconvenience of having to refill them.

**Men's Association Report** – Dan mentioned that the Men's Golf Association will be holding their first meeting on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and will be discussing the handicapping of the golfers to make it fair for all.

**Women's Association Report** – Claudia reported that the Women's Golf Association has not met yet and still working on finding a date to meet. Claudia mentioned that the women's team schedule is done with team play starting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**At-Large Report** – Sam shared that a local farmer may have 8 water shares available for use at the golf course, and the farmer wanted to trade that out for a seasonal golf pass. Dean stated that the City may have some other water options available to them coming up and would share more information at a later date.

**Youth Report**- Thayer shared that the local High School Boys' Team is going to put in for the High School Regional Golf Tournament which typically happens around the third week of September. Some discussion ensued about getting the course marked properly with red markers to identify for penalty strokes. Several of the advisory board members thought that our local golfers could help out with that in keeping the course properly marked throughout the day.

**Council Report** – Arlina shared that the City has hired a new Finance Director and Auditing Firm. She stated that the City Council is in the process of looking for a new City Manager, as the current City Manager is retiring on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Also the City Council has held two Council Retreats to allow for more dialogue between them and have established four overall goals to accomplish.

The next Golf Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 7:00 AM at the golf course pro shop.

Adjournment – 7:40 AM