



CITY OF HELENA

Bill Roberts Golf Course Advisory Board

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City County Building 316 N Park Ave Room 426

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(00:00:00) Call to Order by President Jack Gregg

(00:00:17)/ Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and the following responded present:

Board Members:

Jack Gregg

Chris Smith

Susan Court

Rob Logsdon

Jeremy Verhasselt

Jim Tucker

Absent:

Nicholas Balcken

Leagues:

Kathy McDonald – Ladies League

Doug Olson – Mens League

City Staff:

Parks Director Doug Smith

Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer

Golf Course Superintendent Steve Link was not able to attend

Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Bryce Wideen

Parks Administrative Assistant Heather Kahler

(00:01:09) Public Comment (Items pertaining to this agenda)

No public comment.

(00:01:24) Minutes –

A. February 18, 2025

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Motion to accept the February minutes made by Jim, seconded by Chris. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business

- A. (00:01:46) None.
- B. (00:01:50) Public Comment – none

Unfinished Business

- A. (00:02:20) Water Stations Sponsorship – Jeremy reported that he was waiting on a package proposal for the water stations project. The package could then be taken to possible corporate sponsors to seek their assistance with funding. Jim has had much experience with fundraising and offered to help Jeremy.
- B. (00:03:13) Water Stations Project Bid – Bryce reported that a bid for approximately \$17,000 has been received by 3 Brothers Plumbing to install two water stations and plumb. Trenching for water lines could be undertaken by maintenance staff. The cost is approximately 60/40 (station near #13-14 and a station on north side of maintenance shop by #4 green-#5 tee. Fundraising for this project was discussed in the February meeting as a deuce pot event that the pro shop would run.
- C. (00:15:00) Public Comment – none.

Reports

- A. (00:16:25) Parks Director
Director Doug Smith complimented the pro shop and course maintenance staff on their exceptional work in converting the course from temp greens and walking to fully operational within 48 hours. The back nine was opened one week after the front nine; as snow melt allowed. The pro shop was not only busy with activity getting golfers lined up with tee times, green fees, passes, etc., but also opening and closing the cart barn.
- B. (00:17:54) Golf Course Superintendent
Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Bryce Wideen reported that there does not appear to be much winter kill on the golf course. There are 5-6 new hires which involves a lot of training. Spring work has included the removal of several large trees with a large amount of deadwood, debris cleanup, installing of mats on the par-3's, course staking, tee markers placement. Some seasonal temp staff will be returning in June; currently the maintenance staff is at about 75-80% staffed. Doug added that the grant for the liner on #16 was resubmitted today as it had received some low marks in the first submittal.
- C. (00:27:06) Golf Pro/Operations
Golf Course Operations Manager Tod Fitterer reported that all golf events scheduled last year have been confirmed for this year. Pro shop and range staff will be trained next week. Verticutting of greens will occur on the first Monday of each month beginning with May. There are 5-6 new cart sponsorships and all past year's cart sponsors renewed this year with the exception of Van's which is under new ownership. The sims have had two new programs installed which make the golf experience more realistic – users have given positive comments. PXG rental clubs and new push carts are ready for use by the public. Online tee time system is near ready to go – “just have to pull the trigger and do it.” Discussion continues on the chronic abuse by some pass holders who book an entire tee time when only two play. The goal is to move to online tee times only in an effort to discourage this practice. Jack complimented Tod, Kelsey and all the staff

in Muni's for an exceptional party in which the food, hospitality and service were the best.

D. (00:53:17)

Ladies League: Kathy McDonald reported that Ladies League begins on April 24.

Mens League: Doug Olson reported that the Mens League season begins on April 14.

(00:55:01) Public Comment (Items not on this agenda) – none.

(01:00:00) Member Communications-Announcements / Proposals for next Agenda – (April 15, 2025)

(01:00:09) Adjournment. Chris made a motion to adjourn the March meeting, seconded by Jim. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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