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Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting of the FLAGG CREEK GOLF COURSE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chamber

Committee Members

Chairman – John Von Drasek

**Board Members – Alderman Michael Natale, Alderman Tom
Frohlich, Kevin Dahill, and Frank Urban**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The Flagg Creek Administrative Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL.

Present:

Chairman Von Drasek
Board Member Frohlich
Board Member Urban
Board Member Dahill
Board Member Natale

Also Present:

General Manager Jeter and Finance Director Schutter

3. Communications from the Public

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A.** Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025.
- B.** Review of the Paid Bills Report for the Period of April 1 - 30, 2025.
- C.** Donation Requests for May, 2025.

Member Natale made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025, and the Paid Bills Report for the period of April 1 - 30, 2025 and to ratify donation requests for May, 2025 under the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Member Urban.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Chairman Von Drasek, Member Frohlich, Member Urban, Member Dahill, and Member Natale.

Nay: 0

5. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Rounds Report for April, 2025.

General Manager Jeter stated that April was a cold month. The course was able to host 3,575 rounds which was 44 less than last April. For the fiscal year the golf course ended up with 48,958 rounds which is an increase of 38 rounds over the prior year.

B. Discussion and Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report for the Flagg Creek Golf Course for the Period Ended April 30, 2025.

Finance Director Schutter stated that the YTD green/league fees exceeded the prior year and budget by \$86K and \$126K respectively. Total revenues exceeded the prior year and budget by \$203K and \$269K respectively. These results have been achieved largely by an increase in volume and were coupled with a rate increase

in green fees.

Net income from concessions is up by \$19K/\$14K to the prior year and budget respectively with a 4%/1% improvement in net margin to the prior year and budget as well.

Year to date capital outlays total just over \$292K and consist of approximately \$99K in the maintenance department for the purchase of an out front mower and two new utility carts. We also purchased a Jacobson riding greens mower, payments of \$47.5K to Beverly Environmental for the #1 and #9 pond, \$13.5K on the valve replacement project, \$50K for design engineering and excavation work on the cart path restoration project, \$6K to restore the pollinator gardens, just over \$22K for the deluxe U-max beverage cart, and just under \$54K for the purchase of six new EZ go carts.

More labor was deployed during the preliminary fiscal year end on higher revenue volume, in the maintenance department to maintain course grounds. Wage rates also increased this year relative to an upward adjustment from minimum wage levels. Personnel costs are well controlled through the first eight months and stand at 37% of total revenue versus a YTD budget of 39%.

The golf course is showing a surplus (before capital and profit sharing expenses) of \$827K versus a surplus of \$781K and \$645K achieved in the prior year and budget respectively.

C. Consideration to Purchase Six 2026 Model Year EZGO Carts in the Amount of \$42,050 from Textron Specialty Vehicles, Inc.

General Manager Jeter said that the cart fleet is aging out and we are in need of replacing five golf carts in the 2026 fiscal year. The five carts we are looking to replace are 2013 model years. The new carts we are looking to purchase will match the other twelve carts we purchased over the last two years. The new carts use a single lithium battery pack as opposed to six lead acid batteries.

Per the intergovernmental agreement and purchasing policy of the City and Golf Course, purchases over \$10,000 require the approval of the Advisory Board, Park District, and the City. This item was included in the FY 2025 budget in the amount of \$42,050. Lead time has been cut down and if approved we would expect the carts to be delivered by September, 2025.

A motion was made by Member Natale to Purchase Six 2026 Model Year EZGO Carts in the Amount of \$42,050 from Textron Specialty Vehicles, Inc. The motion was seconded by Member Urban.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Chairman Von Drasek, Member Frohlich, Member Urban, Member Dahill, and Member Natale.

Nay: 0

D. Consideration to Purchase a 2024 Model Year Smithco Spray Star 1200 in the amount of \$60,950 from TurfWerks.

General Manager Jeter said that the golf course superintendent annually reviews the condition of the maintenance equipment and makes recommendations to the General Manager and Finance Director to replace items as needed.

We are looking to replace our 2008 Smithco Spray Star 1600 with a 2024 Smithco Spray Star 1200 sprayer. The current sprayer we have had for seventeen years. The new sprayer will come with a 200 foot hose to use in areas that the boom arms on the sprayer cannot reach safely. The new unit will have a 200 gallon capacity.

We received three quotes from John Deere, Reinders, and Turfwerks. The John Deere sprayer was \$62,424.84. The Reinders were priced at \$65,207.04. We decided to go with Turfwerks which was priced at \$60,950.00 which is priced lower and meets the needs of the golf course.

Per the intergovernmental agreement and purchasing policy of the City and Golf Course, purchases over \$10,000 require the approval of the Advisory Board, Park District, and the City. This item was included in the FY 2026 budget in the amount of \$60,950.00. The sprayer is ready for immediate delivery as soon as a purchase order is signed.

A motion was made by Member Urban to Purchase a 2024 Model Year Smithco Spray Star 1200 in the amount of \$60,950.00 from TurfWerks. The motion was seconded by Member Natale.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Chairman Von Drasek, Member Frohlich, Member Urban, Member Dahill, and Member Natale.

Nay: 0

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

Chairman Von Drasek talked about the noise that the expressway is causing at the golf course and to the residents. I was considering talking with the Mayor to do another noise study. If the noise exceeds the allowable levels we would put up a noise wall.

Member Urban asked where the golf course is at with the cart paths. General Manager Jeter said that the workers were out there yesterday and did a lot of work. They have to do by the greens, by the club house, and finish up by nine. If the weather holds we should be done by this weekend. Member Urban also asked about the bar project. General Manager Jeter said that he is still waiting to get quotes.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Member Urban and seconded by Member Natale.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Chairman Von Drasek, Member Frohlich, Member Urban, Member Dahill, and Member Natale.

Nay: 0

Chairman Von Drasek declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved:

Chairman John Von Drasek

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