

**GOLF COURSE
ADVISORY BOARD**

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM

City Hall

101 N Mott Street, Janesville, Minnesota

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Council representative Andy Ahlman. Members present were Jake Sonnek, Andy Dessner, Tim Corry, and Council representative Andy Ahlman. Absent was Ben Salaba. Also present were City Administrator Clinton Rogers, General Manager Scott Allen, and Grounds Superintendent Jakob Lehrke.

II. NAME 2025 BOARD CHAIRPERSON / VICE CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Ahlman, seconded by Sonnek to name Ben Salaba as Chair. Voting in favor: Ahlman, Sonnek, Dessner, and Corry; voting against: none; absent: Salaba. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Salaba absent).

Motion by Ahlman, seconded by Dessner to name Jake Sonnek as Vice Chair. Voting in favor: Ahlman, Sonnek, Dessner, and Corry; voting against: none; absent: Salaba. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Salaba absent).

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ahlman, seconded by Sonnek to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Ahlman, Sonnek, Dessner, and Corry; voting against: none; absent: Salaba. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Salaba absent).

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Ahlman, seconded by Dessner to approve the minutes of October 11, 2023. Voting in favor: Ahlman, Sonnek, Dessner, and Corry; voting against: none; absent: Salaba. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Salaba absent).

V. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. December Membership Drive Report

Allen stated that this year's membership drive had a 22% increase from last year. Each year since 2021 we have seen increases. He also noted that this is just the December drive, there are more memberships coming in from those that do not take advantage of the December drive. Ahlman asked how many are members for this year and, so far, we are at 362. Our best year was 2022 with 380 members. Allen stated that the maximum amount to make the course still available for golfers would be about 425 members. Corry asked which age groups are more apt for memberships. Staff can look into this and try to determine that. It was also noted that our new software has a few other options for members that we can look into using.

2. 2025 Budget – Includes 2024 Unaudited Budget Report (Final will be in July).

Rogers presented the budget for 2025 and explained the budget document. The 2024 unaudited figures are from the preliminary audit. The final audit draft was received this week and he will look at it soon. A few budget line items were reviewed and explained. And there is still members paying for their 2024 memberships this year. Rogers also stated that we recently cashed in a \$50,000 CD, which gained about \$3,200 in interest. The Board would like staff to look into re-investing some money into a new CD. Rogers will look into this and review it with the City Council.

Allen stated that the biggest issue we had in 2024 was the flooding. The driving range was closed for about half the season and hole #1 North was also closed, making the course a 35-par course for most of the summer. We seeded the driving again in late fall and anticipate new growth soon.

3. 2025 League Information

Allen stated that the League had their annual meeting this week. There are two new teams to the Men's League and the Monday League has 12 teams, which means some of them golf on Wednesdays. The Tuesday League is also full and some members golf on Thursdays for that. The rules, fees, and schedule were reviewed at the meeting. Jake Sonnek has created a Google sheet that will track the League and team scores throughout the season. Ahlman stated that a resident appeared before the Council and asked why we give out gift certificates for League prizes rather than cash. Allen stated that this is the way the League has always operated and other courses he has worked for has done the prizes this way. With this method, golfers come into the clubhouse to spend the gift certificates and may spend more when in there.

4. Equipment and Clubhouse Plans

Allen stated that there are no significant plans for any clubhouse improvements this year. Some siding on the clubhouse will need to be looked at, but there are no other major projects planned. Lehrke stated that there are no immediate concerns from the grounds area either. We will need to begin planning for some equipment replacement in the next few years. The mowers and a new tractor will be needed then. He suggested that the Board develop a plan to replace these within the next few years. Rogers explained how we have leased equipment over the years and lease newer equipment once the existing leases are done. This helps with budgeting. We can continue to do that if it works with our budgets. He also suggested that looking into investing in a CD for a long term may help with any downpayment in the future.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Future Meetings and Schedule

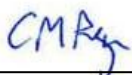
It was determined to have the next meeting on Wednesday, July 9 at 5 pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Dessner asked if we should consider paving the parking lot. Staff explained that we have looked into this in the past and the cost to complete this is just way too much for the course to consider at this time. If we were to pave this, we would lose money for the time period that the lot is paved.

Motion by Ahlman, seconded by Sonnek to adjourn at 5:47 pm. Voting in favor: Ahlman, Sonnek, Dessner, and Corry; voting against: none; absent: Salaba. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Salaba absent).

Respectively signed by:



Clinton Rogers
City Administrator
City of Janesville

04/17/2025

Date

07/31/2025

Approved