GOLF BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 12TH, 2026

Overview

- The course reported $1,082,281 in year-to-date revenue, $859,088 in expenses, and a $231,293 net gain.

- October revenue fell to $191,904, compared with $254,842 the prior year; lower September play and reduced rates due to course conditions contributed to weaker results.

- An estimated $195,148 is needed to repair roughly four acres of winter-damaged fairways; dormant sod was favored over spring seeding because it would avoid substantial downtime during peak season.

- The original driving-range bids exceeded available funding, so the project will be rebid with a reduced, single-story design.

- Financial reports are shared with the council liaison, who may distribute them to the rest of the council; members discussed the value of communicating positive results.

- Winter work includes drainage improvements, continued bunker maintenance, and paving; the back nine was expected to remain open until cart path work begins the week of November 23.

Fairway Repair and Course Conditions

- Winter damage affects about four acres across 27 holes, particularly the back nine, including holes 12, 15, and 16. Overseeding has helped cover some of the damage but has not restored the areas sufficiently.

- Growing Solutions quoted $195,148 for dormant sod installation. The estimate did not separate sod, preparation, and labor costs.

- Summer Sprigging was estimated at $24,000 for installation, before additional fertilizer and irrigation costs. It would require roughly eight weeks of intensive growing conditions and could reduce play and revenue during July and the peak season.

- Dormant sod can be installed during winter with limited added disruption because the back nine is already scheduled to close for other work. The approach was viewed as the best way to restore conditions and community confidence.

Greens, Tree Work, and Paving Funding

- The low bid for the greens project was approximately $499,000, including about $197,000–$199,000 for tree work. The competing bid was approximately $1.3 million for comparable work.

- Potential approaches included reducing the tree-work scope or exploring whether funds from the following year's executive-course paving allocation could be used. No funding resolution was reported.

Maintenance and Winter Projects

- Crews were clearing leaves daily, prioritizing playable fairway surfaces; members noted that leaf removal also made more lost golf balls visible.

- Bunker edging is ongoing and expected to continue through much of the winter. Fairway-bunker work and seasonal fairway fertilizing were also underway.

- In-house drainage work was planned for fairways 10 and 12, including a main drain and lateral lines to address saturated areas. Additional piping beneath cart paths and regrading near 12 were intended to reduce water and mud problems.

- The paving contractor was expected to begin during the week of November 23. The back nine was to remain open until the work began.

- The additional 12 rental carts used from June through September prevented cart shortages during the busiest months; the seasonal arrangement was considered effective.

Driving Range Project

- All eight original bids were rejected at the October 27 county council meeting. The lowest bid was $5.3 million.

- The revised concept is a single-story, 16-bay facility modeled on Queenstown, with four traditional mats, 12 bays with power tees, a separate bathroom, and propane heaters. The second floor, elevator, beverage wall, and in-building lesson/fitting studio were removed from the core design.

- A separate building for storage of 12 carts could potentially also accommodate an indoor lesson and club-fitting studio.

- The scaled building was expected to be quicker to construct; if engineering and procurement proceeded on schedule, a January start could still support a May timeframe. The new price had not yet been established.

Café and Community Events

- A meeting with the parties involved in the café insurance claim was scheduled for Monday the 16th. The goal was to leave with a repair plan and a contractor so the café could resume operations.

- The holiday party was planned for Friday the 4th, with a $25 unwrapped toy or $30 at the door and RSVPs requested. Raffle tickets were available, and Adopt-a-Pot winners were to be announced at the event.

- Catering was not yet finalized; Jimmy Seafood was being considered for the course's 50th anniversary celebration.

- The group favored skipping a December meeting and reconvening in January, when there might be clearer direction on the driving-range project