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January 15, 2026

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A Golf Advisory Committee Meeting occurred on **Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.** at the Conquistador Golf Course Clubhouse.

SUMMARY

1. Call to Order – Chair

a. Present:

- i. Sam Jarvis, Chair
- ii. Keenan Lovett, Men's Association
- iii. Janet Knisley, Women's Association
- iv. April Randle, Council Member
- v. Bill Lewis, Council Member
- vi. Amita Crowley, Youth Representative
- vii. Micah Rudoskey, Golf Pro
- viii. Ryan Thetga, Golf Superintendent
- ix. Creighton Wright, Park and Recreation Director

b. Absent:

- i. Jenny Bandi, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

2. Approval of minutes

a. November 7, 2026

- i. Moved by Committee Member Lovett; Seconded by Committee Member Knisley. Unanimously approved.

3. Pro Report

a. Report:

- i. Micah is going to the PGA show next week. He will be meeting with the website and online tee time service. He will look into how to gain better reporting and adjust to track non-residents.
- ii. Comments: A committee member shared that they can't adjust or cancel a tee time made online.

b. Direction: Micah will look into concerns with the vendor.

4. Staff Report

a. Superintendent

i. Report:

1. Course conditions:

a. Tree work underway.

b. Planning to order materials and supplies before the season opens.

ii. Comments: No significant comments.

iii. Direction: Receive report.

b. Director/Assistant Director

i. Report: No report other than discussion items.

ii. Comments: No significant comments.

iii. Direction: None.

5. Men's Club Report

a. Report: Committee Member Lovett shared the draft designs for new metal tee markers. Once the final design is completed (some points need softened) they will be powder coated and prepped for the season.

b. Comments: The committee felt they were very sharp looking.

c. Direction: Receive report.

6. Women's Club Report

a. Report: No report.

b. Comments:

c. Direction: None.

7. Youth Report

a. Report: Girls' preseason started. It will kick off in earnest in March.

b. Comments: No significant comments.

c. Direction: Receive report.

8. At-Large Member Report

a. Report: No report.

b. Comments:

c. Direction: None.

9. Council Report

a. Report:

- i. Bill Lewis: The director for the airport is leaving. Mayor Medina resigned at the end of April.
- ii. April Randle: Five Council seats are open. Dennis Spruell may re-run.
- iii.

b. Comments:

c. Direction:

10. Discussion Topics

a. Report: 20-Year Financial Analysis/Forecast – Director Wright shared that Assistant Director Bandi has been working with Superintendent Thetga to create a 20-year Financial Forecast utilizing current year-end financial data coupled with anticipated equipment and physical asset replacements. The memo detailing the report is attached. In summary, expected annualized expenses is \$985,000, and the annualized revenue is \$675,000 making the anticipated annual deficit is approximately \$310,000.

- i. Comments: The committee felt the report seemed accurate and eye-opening. Conversation included comments about the position of the course driving volume through market-low rates within our region to generate other spin-off revenue, the course serving as a community investment and asset, and the need to focus on golf as an affordable family friendly asset not only for the community but for the wider region beyond Montezuma County.
- ii. Direction: Through the memo Director Wright shared several next steps. The committee generally agreed with the next steps and look forward to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan providing additional analysis and information to based future decisions.

b. Proposed Golf Program Area Survey Review

- i. Report: Director Wright shared a draft golf survey that the golf team including Pro, Superintendent and Assistant Director Bandi had been developing.
 1. Comments: A few immediate comments were shared on some specific questions, and the need to focus respondents toward satisfaction in the last golf season. Director Wright requested the committee to study the survey and provide suggestions or edits by

January 31. He stated the goal was to get the survey out in early to mid February. The committee asked if the survey could remain open through March, when most pass holders renew for the next season.

2. Direction: Consider the immediate suggestions; committee to review and provide additional thoughts for consideration by 1/31/26.

c. Overview of P&R Master Plan Scope

- i. Report: Director Wright shared that Assistant Director Bandi has finalized the scope of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and has crafted it into a Request for Proposal to send out to consulting firms. He shared an overview memo with the detailed scope included in the email sent to the committee. Director Wright asked the committee to review the detailed scope if they are interested and to ask any questions they may have.
- ii. Comments: The committee is eager to get the project underway.
- iii. Direction: Receive Report.

d. Golf Committee Annual Plan Proposal

- i. Report: Director Wright shared the annual plan for the committee, noting that the items are expected to be addressed at specific meetings. He asked the committee to review the plan and expect to have a discussion at the next meeting.
- ii. Comments: No significant comments.
- iii. Direction: Receive report, be ready with comments at the next meeting.

e. Snow pack, irrigation, and impacts on golf

- i. Report: Director Wright shared that the snow pack in our area is getting close to the lowest on record. He shared that he is getting concerned for irrigation season. He has already begun planning for contingencies.
- ii. Comments: The committee was also concerned, albeit hoping for a snowy February. Director Wright shared that he will attend the MVI annual meeting in the next few weeks and expects to learn more then.
- iii. Direction: Receive the report and expect an update at the next meeting. Also, be prepared to discuss other contingencies at the next meeting, notably delaying or reducing the golf season.

11. Adjournment – 9:44 am