

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

AGENDA

October 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman William Roundtree

*Note- Housekeeping measure—please silence cell phones.

MINUTES: Offered for approval, the minutes of September 24, 2024.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Steve Brown – update on course conditions.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Jim Arendt

Updates on revenue reports for Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek Golf Courses.

Director’s comments: Briefing on a variety of items.

SPLOST projects update.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1-Callahan request to honor update- Tommy Nobles

2-Clubhouse Committee

3-Budget Committee

PUBLIC AGENDA: Persons registered to speak to the Golf Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

* **Note-Next Meeting**— November 26, 2024, (?) @ 4:00 pm--Bull Creek Grill.

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Chairman William Roundtree called the meeting to order.

Ken Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Alonzo Jones, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024, meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Steve Brown said greens at Bull Creek were being verticut and dusted, and on October 1 would be sprayed with herbicides to deter poa annua grass. Tee and fairway areas would receive herbicide treatment next week.

Several trees were down following recent storms and must be dealt with. When completed, attention will be spent on other areas, including more tree work, cart path repairs and bunker work. He is ordering sand for bunkers and now has the needed front-end loader that had been on order. He also has received the necessary purchase order to obtain other John Deere equipment on order.

Oxbow greens have grown in well following recent root problems and are “coming along well” with mower heights set a little higher than at Bull Creek, he said.

Bull Creek has many more tree problems than can be addressed with current equipment available, Brown said, but he has found and priced the bucket lift vehicle and accessories that would enable the workers to properly trim the trees. The price is expected to total about \$100,000, he said.

Gerald Miley noted that the course has compiled a cash reserve fund that is capable of paying for that needed equipment and made a motion that the Authority approve the purchase at a cost of up to \$110,000. Stephanie Leohr seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Director of Golf Jim Arendt said city reports for the months of July and August show Bull Creek revenues totaled more than \$403,700, with August responsible for \$259,849.

Oxbow Creek's revenues for the same two-month period totaled \$98,152, with July accounting for \$62,788.

Nikki Siter reported that Oxbow's struggles with greens condition during recent weeks has been generally well received by golfers, with many offering favorable comments on the improving conditions and the work to restore the greens.

Director Arendt reported that cash reserves to date at Bull Creek were \$504,450, with Oxbow's reserves at (-\$124,500). Gerald Miley asked the director to seek a fuller explanation of the cash reserve report concerning Oxbow Creek.

Arendt said Authority members are urged to make plans to attend and participate in the annual City Manager's Day of Golf on Oct. 15. It's an opportunity to meet and associate with city workers, many of whom help make the public golf courses operations successful.

He also introduced Jon Shuskey, the new Assistant Golf Professional/Junior Golf Leader, whose work will include working in the PGA program, working with junior camps and the PGA Junior League, and more.

He also introduced Trey Upshaw, the Assistant Superintendent working at Oxbow Creek Golf Course.

Arendt said a Celebrity Golf Tournament event, featuring some Atlanta Falcons members and others, is planned for April 3, 2025, benefitting PGA Hope.

Golf club donations benefitting veterans also has been organized by Atlanta Country Club member Stacia Blau, in memory of her late husband, Barney. Called "Barney's Clubs," the effort already has raised several hundred clubs, with more anticipated to be donated through that program, Arendt said.

The golf director also distributed to Authority members a listing of questions submitted to Assistant City Manager Pam Hodge and the City Manager, following up on the meeting last month with Hodge and key city officials concerning the prospective schedule for improvements at Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek courses through the recently approved Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Arendt said it appears the first spending efforts of the \$5 million designated for the golf courses should be at Oxbow Creek, with architectural and bridge decisions key to deciding how much will be spent there.

The director said he is continuing work on a full and comprehensive listing of all equipment at the golf courses.

Jim Houston expressed concerns that the golf courses' web site is not up to par and that a workable, inviting and complete web site that informs the public about the golf courses' features, activities and prices should be put in place as soon as possible.

Director Arendt said he already is in the process of having just such a web site built and hopes it will soon be available, including all the amenities and features that golfers should expect on such a site.

Ken Crumpler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gerald Miley, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Attending were Chairman William Roundtree, Vice-Chairman Richard Mahone, Ken Crumpler, Tommy Nobles, Gerald Miley, Stephanie Leohr, Alonzo Jones and Secretary Jim Houston. Ken Davis was absent.

Sales By Department

Bull Creek Golf Course

Sunday, September 1, 2024 - Monday, September 30, 2024

Sales				Refunds				Total			
Item by Department, Category, and Sub-Category	Qty	Sales	Tax	Cost	Margin	Qty	Sales Refund	Tax Refund	Qty	Sales	Tax
	2	\$83.00		\$0.00	100.00%		\$0.00		2	\$83.00	
Cart Fees	3,631	\$67,286.59		\$13.50	99.98%		\$0.00		3,631	\$67,286.59	
Food & Beverage	7,564	\$25,247.76		\$3,271.84	87.04%	(4)	(\$14.68)		7,560	\$25,233.08	
Green Fee	4,275	\$48,515.25		\$0.00	100.00%		\$0.00		4,275	\$48,515.25	
Memberships	40	\$10,400.00		\$0.00	100.00%		\$0.00		40	\$10,400.00	
Pro Shop	2,224	\$27,851.45		\$10,232.89	63.26%		\$0.00		2,224	\$27,851.45	
Total	17,736	\$179,384.05	\$15,063.87	\$13,518.23	92.46%	(4)	(\$14.68)	(\$1.32)	17,732	\$179,369.37	\$15,062.

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Sales By Department

Oxbow Creek Golf Course

Sunday, September 1, 2024 - Monday, September 30, 2024

Item by Department, Category, and Sub-Category	Sales					Refunds			Total		
	Qty	Sales	Tax	Cost	Margin	Qty	Sales Refund	Tax Refund	Qty	Sales	Tax
Cart Fees	684	\$7,267.46		\$0.00	100.00%	(4)	(\$51.84)		680	\$7,215.62	
Food & Beverage	2,343	\$4,960.71		\$0.00	100.00%		\$0.00		2,343	\$4,960.71	
Green Fee	1,917	\$26,461.10		\$0.00	100.00%	(4)	(\$58.24)		1,913	\$26,402.86	
Pro Shop	990	\$11,337.80		\$3,004.07	73.50%	(4)	(\$3.68)		986	\$11,334.12	
Total	5,934	\$50,027.07	\$4,504.15	\$3,004.07	94.00%	(12)	(\$113.76)	(\$10.24)	5,922	\$49,913.31	\$4,493.15

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Golf Director Report-Tuesday, October 22, 2024, submitted by Jim Arendt

Updates:

- Nikki Siter report-
- Godwin Creek/CJGA report-
 - Fall season is coming to finish, Championships, Callahan Cup, Champions Cup
 - 2025-PGA Jr. League, more
- Reserves (as of 10/18/2024)
 - Bull Creek-\$505,684.55
 - Oxbow Creek-(\$93,705.24)
- Recent events
 - City Championship- Mark McCabe- City Champion, Keith Ingram-Sr. Champion, Doug Speakman- Super Sr. Champion
 - CSU Basketball
 - City Manager Day
 - PGA HOPE
 - Folds of Honor
- Equipment – Permission requested to replace used mower (unable to locate since July '24) with aerator. This would be a 48-month lease purchase @ \$800 per month. Previously approved rental/lease equipment in FY25 budget and unused to date. Aerator would be used at all 3 facilities.
- Request to meet with Finance about Oxbow Creek cash balance
- Propose to renew beer license to include mixed drinks and wine, cost is \$5000 vs \$500 for only beer

Sales By Department

Bull Creek Golf Course

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 - Thursday, October 31, 2024

Sales						Refunds			Total		
Item by Department, Category, and Sub-Category	Qty	Sales	Tax	Cost	Margin	Qty	Sales Refund	Tax Refund	Qty	Sales	Tax
Cart Fees	37	\$3,954.00		\$0.00	100.00%		\$0.00		37	\$3,954.00	
Food & Beverage	3,040	\$55,930.89		\$12.50	99.98%		\$0.00		3,040	\$55,930.89	
Green Fee	5,925	\$20,278.78		\$2,384.25	88.24%		\$0.00		5,925	\$20,278.78	
Memberships	3,660	\$40,993.66		\$0.00	100.00%		\$0.00		3,660	\$40,993.66	
Pro Shop	46	\$11,650.00		\$0.00	100.00%		\$0.00		46	\$11,650.00	
	2,166	\$36,706.07		\$9,881.35	73.08%		\$0.00		2,166	\$36,706.07	
Total	14,874	\$169,513.40	\$13,080.30	\$12,278.10	92.76%		\$0.00	\$0.00	14,874	\$169,513.40	\$13,080.30

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Sales By Department

Oxbow Creek Golf Course

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 - Thursday, October 31, 2024

Item by Department, Category, and Sub-Category	Sales						Refunds			Total		
	Qty	Sales	Tax	Cost	Margin		Qty	Sales Refund	Tax Refund	Qty	Sales	Tax
	1	\$100.00		\$0.00	100.00%			\$0.00		1	\$100.00	
Cart Fees	868	\$9,219.37		\$0.00	100.00%			\$0.00		868	\$9,219.37	
Food & Beverage	1,728	\$3,671.53		\$0.00	100.00%			\$0.00		1,728	\$3,671.53	
Green Fee	1,589	\$21,346.25		\$0.00	100.00%			\$0.00		1,589	\$21,346.25	
Pro Shop	1,067	\$8,813.37		\$2,381.44	72.98%			\$0.00		1,067	\$8,813.37	
Total	5,253	\$43,150.52	\$3,849.66	\$2,381.44	94.48%			\$0.00	\$0.00	5,253	\$43,150.52	\$3,849.66

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