

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

AGENDA

MARCH 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ricky Wright

*Note- Housekeeping measure—please silence cell phones.

MINUTES: Offered for approval, the minutes of February 27, 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Executive Session: Discussion of personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

*Note-Next Meeting—Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 4:00 pm--Bull Creek Grill.

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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Chairman Ricky Wright called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Steve Brown was ill and his report was presented by Director of Golf Jim Arendt.

The recent flood resulted in mud and debris on fairways and greens, creating some closure and limited play for days as crews worked to make the Bull Creek courses playable, Arendt said. One pump was borrowed and one was rented in order to pump water to move the sludge back into the lakes. The West course was completely open for play by Saturday, but holes 13 and 14 remain problematic. Holes that should be showpieces for

the golf course are greatly diminished by the lake that is so full of silt and growth it is unsightly and prone to flooding.

Arendt said it is expected that the Master Plan under way will present a solution to the flooding/silt problem. Long term, the answer should include the city putting in an emergency spillway that will allow better control of water flows.

“It is costing us revenue, and is a disservice to our citizens,” Arendt said of the repeated flooding the courses experience.

Oxbow Creek Golf Course had a lesser problem with flooding during the heavy rains, he said. Play was reduced for a time to just seven holes as the area from Hole 1 green to Hole 2 tee was flooded.

Godwin Creek experienced no serious flooding issues.

In his monthly report, the golf director noted that the month of February to date has resulted in \$126,000 in revenue at Bull Creek, with the revenue lost because of the flood estimated at \$30,000-\$35,000.

Revenue in January at Bull Creek was \$203,937, with the totals for the year so far reaching \$1.888 million of \$1.915 budgeted for the year. “We’re in position to beat our revenue

budget,” he said, noting that the months of March, April, May and June are traditionally strong revenue periods.

Arendt said Oxbow Creek revenues in February to date totaled \$39,493, with about \$10,000 loss due to the flood. In January, the revenue totaled \$89,097 and the fiscal year total reached \$310,728 of the budgeted \$495,000 – not counting \$100,000 that would be available as a “transfer-in” from the city if it should be needed.

Nikki Siter reported that Oxbow has put out new hazard stakes and is blocking access to some areas carts have been traveling. A split-rail fence addition to some areas also is in the offing. In addition to other scheduled outings, a request has been made to allow use of the driving range as part of a fund-raising event.

Arendt said the courses’ reserves on hand to date are \$217,183 at Bull Creek and \$(85,010) at Oxbow. Strong months ahead will help improve Oxbow’s position, he said, adding, “For us to break even at Oxbow Creek – that’s always close to a miracle.”

The Georgia State Golf Association is requesting participation of Columbus’ courses in a Youth On Course program, with the play rate for youths set at \$5 for 9 holes, of which the GSGA program will pay \$3, and \$10 for 18 holes, of which the organization will pay \$5. Arendt said the program has been a success where implemented, with the goal to encourage youth golf growth.

Former Fore Kids Golf executive Stephanie Callahan has requested permission for the group to place a memorial bench at Godwin Creek to honor the late Richard Callahan, a longtime administrator of the youth golf charity. Arendt said a planned site and description of the proposed memorial will be presented for approval.

A golfer who has been administratively banned from Bull Creek, Oxbow Creek and Godwin Creek for inappropriate contact and conduct with female employees has requested the ban be lifted. Arendt said Authority members should review the details of the events leading to the ban and be prepared next month to decide on the request.

Two used Yamaha utility vehicles have been purchased for less than \$9,000 and a John Deere Zero-Turn mower is being purchased. An existing zero-turn mower at Bull Creek will then be dispatched to Godwin Creek, where it is needed, Arendt said. Six new Yamaha fleet carts also have been requested for Godwin Creek in the 2025 fiscal year budget proposal.

A proposed point-of-sale system contract from Golf Now has been presented to the legal department, with one unit updating the Bull Creek Grill another placed at Godwin Creek. So far this year, \$5,130 has been generated at Godwin Creek with no point-of-sale system there.

The search has begun for a position of Assistant Golf Professional who would provide lessons and administer youth golf programs and instruction at Godwin Creek. A new Godwin Creek logo also has been created, Saturday clinics are in progress and the Middle School golf program is about to begin there.

A new guard for a third inmate crew at Bull Creek must be provided a firearm and contacts are being made to determine how and where such a firearm should be obtained, Arendt said.

Bull Creek also is now beginning to enjoy additional outings, with Aflac continuing to sponsor its employee league competitions there, and Pratt & Whitney also participating in its own golf league on Monday afternoons.

The future is bright for even more outings this year, including plans for play by Miss Georgia officials and workers in October, employee outings for Woodruff Properties, an outing for Harris County Chamber of Commerce, and the Columbus Water Works expanding its planned outing to 36 holes – both courses at Bull Creek – for 175-200 participants.

A request for permission for an amateur to use the range facilities to give lessons to U.S. Kids participants was presented by Arendt. But he said the policy has been to open the

golf range facilities to professionals who are qualified to give such lessons, and not to people who want to bring groups to the range without such qualifications.

Vice Chairman William Roundtree made a motion that the Director of Golf be paid the same car allowance that the city affords directors of its departments. The city is now paying \$648 a month in car allowance for department directors. The motion was seconded by Richard Mahone and passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn, made by Ken Crumpler and seconded by William Roundtree, passed by unanimous vote.

Attending the meeting were Chairman Ricky Wright, Vice-Chair William Roundtree, Secretary Jim Houston, Ken Crumpler, Richard Mahone, Tommy Nobles, Gerald Miley and Kenneth Davis. Alonzo Jones was absent.

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Revenues vs Budget

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd

Department 099 - Government Wide Revenue

Unit 1999 - Government Wide Revenue

Revenue Source	Revenue Source Name	Current Period Revenue	YTD Revenue	YTD Cash Collected	Current Revenue Budget	Unrecognized Revenue Budget	Percent
4542	Operations - Golf Course	12,487.75	232,375.97	232,375.97	403,000.00	170,624.03	42.34%
4543	Golf Range Fees	4,363.29	31,950.76	31,950.76	32,637.00	686.24	2.10%
4544	Snack Bar- Golf Course	3,864.61	32,633.66	32,633.66	28,363.00	(4,270.66)	-15.06%
4582	Sale Of Merchandise	4,054.27	37,779.85	37,779.85	31,000.00	(6,779.85)	-21.87%
4842	Vendors Comp. - Sales Tax	73.99	832.22	832.22	0.00	(832.22)	0.00%
4931	Transfer In-General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.00%
Total For Unit 1999 - Government Wide Revenue		24,843.91	335,572.46	335,572.46	595,000.00	259,427.54	43.60%
Total For Department 099 - Government Wide Revenue		24,843.91	335,572.46	335,572.46	595,000.00	259,427.54	43.60%

Sales By Department

Oxbow Creek Golf Course

Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Thursday, February 29, 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	537	\$5,945.65		\$0.00	100.00%				537	\$5,945.65	
Food & Beverage	2,023	\$4,160.79		\$0.00	100.00%				2,023	\$4,160.79	
Gift Certificate	2	\$56.00							2	\$56.00	
Green Fees	1,633	\$22,007.95				(2)	(\$27.52)		1,631	\$21,980.43	
Pro Shop	1,202	\$9,757.33		\$2,296.91	76.46%	(1)	(\$8.26)		1,201	\$9,749.07	
Total	5,397	\$41,927.72	\$3,753.21	\$2,296.91	94.52%	(3)	(\$35.78)	(\$3.22)	5,394	\$41,891.94	\$3,749.99

Obligations vs. Budget

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd

Department 590 - Miscellaneous

Unit 2000 - Contingency

Appropriation 0333 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Contingency

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Current Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6268	Other Employee Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,174.00	5,174.00	100.00%
Total For Appropriation 0333		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,174.00	5,174.00	100.00%
Total For Unit 2000		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,174.00	5,174.00	100.00%

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd

Department 590 - Miscellaneous

Unit 3000 - Non-Categorical

Appropriation 3178 - OXBOW CREEK

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6810	Cost Allocation Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,151.00	6,151.00	12,302.00	6,151.00	50.00%
6843	Allocated Workers Comp Costs	649.92	0.00	0.00	5,199.36	5,199.36	7,799.00	2,599.64	33.33%
Total For Appropriation 3178		649.92	0.00	0.00	11,350.36	11,350.36	20,101.00	8,750.64	43.53%
Total For Unit 3000		649.92	0.00	0.00	11,350.36	11,350.36	20,101.00	8,750.64	43.53%
Total For Department 590		649.92	0.00	0.00	11,350.36	11,350.36	25,275.00	13,924.64	55.09%

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course
 Unit 2100 - Oxbow Creek Pro Shop
 Appropriation 0181 - OXBOW CREEK - PRO SHOP

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Total Obligations	Current Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6105	Salaries-General Government	10,981.95	0.00	0.00	87,530.36	87,530.36	106,658.00	19,127.64	17.93%
6110	Wages	3,452.50	0.00	0.00	29,503.75	29,503.75	38,568.00	9,064.25	23.50%
6115	Overtime Pay	382.97	0.00	0.00	3,205.57	3,205.57	0.00	(3,205.57)	0.00%
6170	Sick Leave - GG	441.51	0.00	0.00	865.19	865.19	0.00	(865.19)	0.00%
6172	Vacation Leave GG	147.00	0.00	0.00	1,233.52	1,233.52	0.00	(1,233.52)	0.00%
6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,213.44	2,213.44	0.00	(2,213.44)	0.00%
6205	Fica Contributions	1,146.49	0.00	0.00	9,600.03	9,600.03	11,170.00	1,569.97	14.06%
6210	Employer Retirement Cont-GG	747.10	0.00	0.00	5,422.93	5,422.93	9,035.00	3,612.07	39.98%
6220	Group Health Insurance	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	8,200.00	8,200.00	22,100.00	13,900.00	62.90%
6225	Group Life Insurance	57.86	0.00	0.00	438.22	438.22	722.00	283.78	39.30%
6235	Unused Sick Leave	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,105.96	1,105.96	1,000.00	(105.96)	-10.60%
6643	Local Millage Reimbursement	42.77	0.00	0.00	290.17	290.17	0.00	(290.17)	0.00%
Total For Appropriation 0181		18,500.15	0.00	0.00	149,609.14	149,609.14	189,253.00	39,643.86	20.95%

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Fund	Department	Unit	Appropriation	Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
0756	Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd			6315	Consulting	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	(26,000.00)	0.00%
				6319	Contractual Services	1,107.66	0.00	0.00	9,151.25	9,151.25	12,000.00	2,848.75	23.74%
				6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
				6621	Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00%
				6626	Newspaper/Periodic al Advertisi	426.71	0.00	0.00	426.71	426.71	3,500.00	3,073.29	87.81%
				6629	Cable	0.00	0.00	0.00	707.94	707.94	0.00	(707.94)	0.00%
				6631	Printing Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
				6632	Copier Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	100.00%
				6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	472.00	472.00	2,000.00	1,528.00	76.40%
				6711	Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	401.47	401.47	1,500.00	1,098.53	73.24%
				6728	Operating Materials	3,150.20	0.00	0.00	10,353.78	10,353.78	2,500.00	(7,853.78)	-314.15%
				6742	Water	72.02	0.00	0.00	1,357.02	1,357.02	700.00	(657.02)	-93.86%
				6743	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,317.54	11,317.54	4,000.00	(7,317.54)	-182.94%
				6761	Merchandise For Redistribution	1,122.75	0.00	0.00	40,212.39	40,212.39	38,500.00	(1,712.39)	-4.45%
				6771	Food	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,029.79	18,029.79	26,000.00	7,970.21	30.65%
				Total For Appropriation 3158		5,879.34	0.00	26,000.00	92,429.89	118,429.89	94,700.00	(23,729.89)	-25.06%
				Total For Unit 2100		24,379.49	0.00	26,000.00	242,039.03	268,039.03	283,953.00	15,913.97	5.60%

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course

Unit 2200 - Oxbow Creek Maintenance

Appropriation 0182 - OXBOW CREEK - MAINTENANCE

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Budgeted Current Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6110	Wages	7,195.82	0.00	0.00	57,966.45	57,966.45	96,656.00	38,689.55	40.03%
6115	Overtime Pay	496.68	0.00	0.00	3,596.83	3,596.83	0.00	(3,596.83)	0.00%
6170	Sick Leave - GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	827.80	827.80	0.00	(827.80)	0.00%
6172	Vacation Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.56	165.56	0.00	(165.56)	0.00%
6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,655.60	1,655.60	0.00	(1,655.60)	0.00%
6205	Fica Contributions	550.15	0.00	0.00	4,742.11	4,742.11	7,394.00	2,651.89	35.87%
6210	Employer Retirement Contr-GG	480.78	0.00	0.00	3,615.16	3,615.16	5,982.00	2,366.84	39.57%
6220	Group Health Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	13,000.00	5,000.00	38.46%
6225	Group Life Insurance	16.56	0.00	0.00	130.49	130.49	478.00	347.51	72.70%
Total For Appropriation 0182		9,739.99	0.00	0.00	80,700.00	80,700.00	123,510.00	42,810.00	34.66%

Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course
 Unit 2200 - Oxbow Creek Maintenance
 Appropriation 3171 - OXBOW CREEK - MAINTENANCE

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Current Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6319	Contractual Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,592.00	2,592.00	2,592.00	0.00	(2,592.00)	0.00%
6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	500.00	225.00	45.00%
6543	Equipment Rental/Lease	5,781.03	0.00	0.00	23,061.69	23,061.69	23,061.69	67,000.00	43,938.31	65.58%
6577	Parks Maintenance	2,441.00	0.00	0.00	3,959.40	3,959.40	3,959.40	1,500.00	(2,459.40)	-163.96%
6601	Education/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00%
6641	Travel, Schools & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.00%
6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
6673	State Inmate Wages	438.00	0.00	0.00	4,188.00	4,188.00	4,188.00	4,000.00	(188.00)	-4.70%
6721	Auto Parts And Supplies	316.37	0.00	0.00	4,233.30	4,233.30	4,233.30	12,000.00	7,766.70	64.72%
6727	Horticulture/Landscape Suppl	1,945.56	0.00	0.00	22,234.70	22,234.70	22,234.70	30,000.00	7,765.30	25.88%
6728	Operating Materials	1,046.76	0.00	0.00	8,026.47	8,026.47	8,026.47	16,000.00	7,973.53	49.83%
6743	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,092.34	3,092.34	3,092.34	14,156.00	11,063.66	78.16%
6746	Motor Fuel	478.51	0.00	0.00	10,736.78	10,736.78	10,736.78	11,000.00	263.22	2.39%
Total For Appropriation 3171		12,447.23	0.00	0.00	82,399.68	82,399.68	82,399.68	161,656.00	79,256.32	49.03%

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0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd										
Department	640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course									
Unit	2200 - Oxbow Creek Maintenance									
Appropriation	6152 - OXBOW CREEK MAINT									
Object	7721 Automobiles	0.00	0.00	43,182.00	0.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	0.00	0.00%
	7762 Other Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%
	Total For Appropriation 6152	0.00	0.00	43,182.00	0.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	48,182.00	5,000.00	10.38%
	Total For Unit 2200	22,187.22	0.00	43,182.00	163,099.68	206,281.68	333,348.00	127,066.32	38.12%	
	Total For Department 640	46,566.71	0.00	69,182.00	405,138.71	474,320.71	617,301.00	142,980.29	23.16%	
	Total For Fund 0756	47,216.63	0.00	69,182.00	416,489.07	485,671.07	642,576.00	156,904.93	24.42%	