

# COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

## AGENDA

June 25, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER: Chairman William Roundtree**

*\*Note- Housekeeping measure—please silence cell phones.*

**MINUTES: Offered for approval, the minutes of June 25, 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:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*Note-Next Meeting— August 27, 2024 @ 4:00 pm--Bull Creek Grill.**

# COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2024

Chairman Ricky Wright called the meeting to order.

Alonzo Jones made a motion, seconded by Gerald Miley, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024, meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Steve Brown reported that the greens at Oxbow Creek have been aerated and the greens at Godwin Creek are set for aeration on July 8, with Bull Creek's West Course to follow.

The greens roller has been out of commission and is awaiting parts before being returned to duty. At least two additional rollers are needed because of the demands of our courses, Brown said. Other equipment needs that should be filled include a new backhoe, which will cost about \$60,000, a new trailer to replace a 42-year-old unit that no longer serves our needs (cost: about \$14,000), a new sweeper, and a new aerator to work the four courses requiring such services (cost: about \$25,000).

Director of Golf Jim Arendt noted that some funds are becoming available for such purposes. "We are going to need to spend some money on equipment," he said.

The need to pay some attention to repair of bunkers at Bull Creek was also discussed, but no plans were presented to address the problem.

Arendt reported that more than 25,000 rounds of golf have been recorded at Oxbow Creek so far this year, and Bull Creek's courses have experienced more than 54,000 rounds played.

Oxbow Creek revenues reported for the period exceed \$75,614, which includes some dollars from previous periods, and the \$506,441 generated during this fiscal year already exceeds the budgeted projections, not counting the \$100,000 included as a transfer-in amount that could be called upon if needed.

Oxbow also is acquiring 41 new golf carts, with the only thing preventing delivery is the need for a signature of approval from the city. Six carts also are being sent to Godwin Creek, Arendt said.

Bull Creek's revenues reported for the period total more than \$397,241, but includes some funds from a prior period. The year-to-date revenues exceed \$2.21 million, including \$166,000 that was added to the original budget to pay for operations at Godwin Creek (\$86,000) and for a master plan (\$80,000). The Bull Creek revenues already surpass the budgeted amount by more than \$129,000, Arendt reported.

The golf director said he is continuing to try to work with the city's Finance Department to correct the budgeting of salaries and wages. The city always produces those figures for the budget and they never match what is required for operation of the courses, he said.

Jim Houston noted that the city continues to tell the Authority what it needs when it comes to employees, when it should be the Authority's duty to determine its employee requirements.

Nikki Siter reported that the tractor at Oxbow Creek has been repaired and is back in operation, the aerification project has been completed, but there continues to be some irrigation problems that are requiring some areas of the course to be watered manually.

Director Arendt said Cash Reserves for Bull Creek as of June 22 total \$602,363.57, while the Reserves for Oxbow are (-99,351.80). He said he believes accounting errors may have resulted in some Oxbow funds being deposited in the Bull Creek account and that is being examined. Accounting errors, when corrected, may produce different figures, he said.

Rate changes enacted by the Authority last month have been posted at Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek, Arendt said.

The director said he is awaiting a comprehensive SPLOST update and has requested a timeline for projects being planned for Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek. No money has yet been spent for the approved projects, which include a new Clubhouse at Bull Creek and bridges at both Oxbow Creek and Bull Creek.

Arendt presented a copy of an application to the Columbus Board of Honor for a stone with a bronze plaque and a marble bench to be placed at Godwin Creek in memory of Richard Callahan. The Authority noted that the proposal does not contain details of the desired size or placement of the items and Jim Houston made a motion, seconded by Richard Mahone, that further information be requested before action is taken on the matter. The motion passed by a 5-3 vote.

The director presented an update on the parking lot problem caused by the flow of water and sand washing downhill from the cart wash area into parking areas reserved for handicapped patrons. City engineers reviewed the area and estimated it would cost \$50,000-\$60,000 to properly install drainage to resolve the problem, but the city has agreed to an alternative to move the handicapped spaces to the eastern side of the parking island. Arendt said he would then reserve those vacated spaces for use by staff only.

Alonzo Jones said he doesn't believe even having staff park in areas where water and silt could produce a potential hazard is an adequate solution.

Arendt also said the city engineers have taken a look at the bridge problem across the drainage ditch below the tee area on Bull Creek's West Course hole 5. Instead of building a new bridge span across the area, it was suggested placing a new liner reinforcing the existing culvert could be a much less expensive and easier to put in place solution, he said.

The golf director also told the Authority he is resigning his post as current Vice President of the Georgia PGA's South Chapter. He has previously served as President of the group and is finding it necessary to spend more time elsewhere, he said.



Arendt outlined new requirements posted by the federal Labor Department that, beginning July 1, 2024, mandate that salaried employees be paid at least \$43,888 annually, with the mandated pay escalating to \$58,666 beginning Jan. 1, 2025. He said there would be no problem complying with the July 1 mandate, because only a few employees would be affected, but the Jan. 1 mandate would be a financial difficulty. An alternative would be to retain those few employees as hourly workers and pay overtime or allot compensatory time as required.

Alonzo Jones and Gerald Miley requested more information be furnished Authority members detailing the number of employees that would be affected and the anticipated costs of the mandate and alternative proposal.

Director Arendt also reported the number of outings for summertime weeks has increased, although such outings usually are more prevalent in Spring months. Recent group outings include: Smith's Station Athletics; Mobility Worldwide; TSYs; Georgia Police & Fire Games; Ranger 75<sup>th</sup> Special Troop Battalion; The Purple & Gold; and the Veteran Golfer Association.

Tommy Nobles distributed copies of proposed Columbus Golf Authority Bylaws authored by a committee of volunteers of which Nobles was chairman and members were William Roundtree, Richard Mahone and Jim Houston. Roundtree made a motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, for the proposed Bylaws to be considered for discussion and possible adoption. The motion passed without objection.

The proposed articles, numbered by paragraph (1-26), were presented and discussed, with several proposed changes voted upon individually.

Paragraph 3, proposing Authority Officers who are elected to 1-year terms with no limit on number of terms served, resulted in objections to the provision requiring a vote of six Authority members for removal of Officers from their position. Gerald Miley moved to require only a majority of 5 votes on the 9-member board for removal of an officer. The motion was seconded by Alonzo Jones and passed by a 5-3 vote.

Paragraph 6, proposing the Authority meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 4 p.m., and for an annual meeting to be held on the second Monday of January, was also amended upon a motion by Miley, seconded by Jones, to change the meeting day to the fourth Tuesday of each month and the annual meeting on the second Tuesday in January. The vote passed 5-3.

Paragraph 21 was object of a motion by Ken Crumpler, seconded by Nobles, that would bar Authority members from being afforded golf play at no charge. The motion failed by a vote of 1 for, five against and with two abstaining.

Paragraph 25 was amended to limit public requests to address the Authority at a meeting to five minutes' duration. The vote to add the time limitation was passed unanimously.

Nobles said he would incorporate the changes made during the meeting and the proposed Bylaws would be sent to the city's Legal Department for review and returned for adoption in final form at the July meeting.

The final meeting of the 2023-24 fiscal year also was the final meeting for the slate of officers, including Chairman Richard Wright, whose term expired this month. Ken Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Nobles, to elect Vice-Chairman William Roundtree as Chairman. With no further nominations, Jim Houston moved the nominee be approved by acclamation. The vote was unanimous.

Crumpler followed with a motion, seconded by Roundtree, nominating Richard Mahone for Vice-Chair. With no further nominations, Houston moved the nominee be approved by acclamation, and that vote was also unanimous.

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

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



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Deere & Company  
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**Quote Summary**

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Business: 706-561-1614

**Delivering Dealer:**

**Beard Equipment Company**

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abeauchamp@beardequipment.com

**Quote ID:** 31229634

**Created On:** 25 June 2024

**Last Modified On:** 25 June 2024

**Expiration Date:** 15 August 2024

Equipment Summary	Suggested List	Selling Price	Qty	Extended
JOHN DEERE ProGator 2020A (Gas) <b>Contract:</b> Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance 031121-DAC (PG NB CG 70) <b>Price Effective Date:</b> June 24, 2024	\$ 47,910.00	\$ 36,411.60 X	1 =	\$ 36,411.60
JOHN DEERE TC125 Turf Collection System <b>Contract:</b> Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance 031121-DAC (PG NB CG 70) <b>Price Effective Date:</b> June 24, 2024	\$ 21,018.77	\$ 15,974.27 X	1 =	\$ 15,974.27
AGRIMETAL GR 660 <b>Contract:</b> Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance 031121-DAC (PG NB CG 70) <b>Price Effective Date:</b>	\$ 27,012.00	\$ 27,012.00 X	1 =	\$ 27,012.00
Taylor Way 4000-8T-60X120 <b>Contract:</b> Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance 031121-DAC (PG NB CG 70) <b>Price Effective Date:</b>	\$ 12,516.00	\$ 12,516.00 X	1 =	\$ 12,516.00
<b>Equipment Total</b>				<b>\$ 91,913.87</b>

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EW=EXTENDED WARRANTY PDI=PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE

\*\*\*\*\*PAYMENT AMOUNTS ARE ESTIMATED\*\*





**USGA** COURSE CONSULTING SERVICE

# Site Visit Report

## **Oxbow Creek Golf Course** Columbus, Georgia

Visit Date: July 7, 2024

Present:

Steve Brown, Golf Course Superintendent, Bull Creek Golf Course  
Tre Upshaw, Golf Course Superintendent, Oxbow Creek Golf Course  
Jim Arendt, Director of Golf Operations  
Chris Neff, USGA Green Section

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**USGA** GreenSection



# Executive Summary

Conducting a Course Consulting Service visit at Oxbow Creek Golf Course on behalf of the USGA Green Section was a pleasure. The primary objective of my visit was to address and provide recommendations for the current turf conditions on the putting greens throughout the facility. The greens had been recently aerated over the past month and have experienced varying degrees of bermudagrass loss across the 9-hole course. Natural factors, poor irrigation practices, and excessive organic matter have led to severe Pythium root rot (PRR) on most greens, significantly impacting their quality and playability.

However, it's important to note that there is clear potential for significant improvement with the right strategies and interventions, which I'm confident can be achieved. Patience will be necessary during recovery as the summer growing season is complete. I recommend evaluating the putting greens over the next few weeks until the end of July to determine how much turf has recovered and to decide if any sodding should be completed at that time.

The following report outlines observations and discusses pertinent agronomic and infrastructure topics that should be prioritized for the continued success at Oxbow Creek Golf Course.

- **Putting Greens.** During my visit, the putting greens were in poor condition, with the 'TifEagle' bermudagrass struggling with Pythium root rot. Pythium root rot is a disease that attacks the roots, crowns, and other underground tissues of bermudagrass greens, causing them to thin or die. Pythium can occur any time of the year, and the present weather pattern has contributed to this issue. A strict regimen of fungicides and timely applications of granular and liquid fertilizers must be implemented immediately for their recovery before the winter season. While the greens are recovering, I recommend keeping the mowing heights higher than usual to aid in repair. Additionally, bi-weekly venting of the putting greens is advised for better air and water exchange in the upper rootzone. Given the age of the putting greens, I suggest an annual deep-tine or Shockwave aeration to improve air and water exchange 8-10 inches below the turf canopy. In the future, consistent fungicide and fertility programs will be essential to maintain the putting greens in good condition throughout the year. Moisture management is crucial for healthy putting greens, so I recommend investing in moisture measurement tools for the staff. This will help determine the precise irrigation needs of the bermudagrass rather than relying on estimates. I also suggest that Tre check-in with me periodically with any questions or concerns as he works to improve the unfavorable putting-green conditions at Oxbow.
- **Ultradwarf Putting Green Practices.** Surface management practices for 'TifEagle' bermudagrasses are essential to keep them healthy and provide a great golfing experience. The list of activities could be plentiful for bermudagrass putting greens. Still, Oxbow could implement a few changes to the maintenance program that could be instituted without a significant investment or labor hours, which would pay great dividends in the future.
- **Irrigation Upgrade.** The irrigation system is the central heartbeat of a golf course, and controlling the water applied to the turfgrass is crucial for maintaining healthy plants. Just as a human heart must be strong to support the body's functions, the pumping system serves as the heart of the irrigation system. The rest of the system can only work effectively with a strong pump. The pumping system at Oxbow Creek Golf Course is nearing the end of its useful life and must be replaced soon.

In addition to replacing the pump, it's essential to ensure that every irrigation head can run individually for each station when building programs. Automating the system with an irrigation computer would significantly enhance its operation. This upgrade would save labor hours by eliminating the need to run all programs from the pumphouse area with the current three controllers.

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# Putting Greens

## Observations

1. **On the day of my visit, I observed the putting greens in poor condition, displaying symptoms related to Pythium root rot (PRR).**
  - Putting greens had a recent aeration cultural practice completed.



*Example of disease pressure on the putting greens.*

2. **When examining the soil profile, the upper five inches of the rootzone was observed to have an excessive amount of organic matter (OM).**
  - It is not uncommon for putting greens of this age to require increased cultural practices to combat excessive OM.
  - A weak root system was observed. The root structure was fragile.
  - Most of the roots were very shallow and dark, with few healthy white roots.



## Recommendations

1. **Start a proactive program targeting PRR and initiate the recovery process for the bermudagrass greens affected by the disease on the putting green surface.**
2. **The following month's agronomic program on putting greens should be the following:**
  - Raise mowing heights to 0.150" and mow every other day.
  - If the putting greens can handle being vented with a pencil-tine aerifier weekly, proceed with the application.
  - If not, a weekly spiking of the putting greens with a bunker rake-style spiker attachment would be sufficient.
  - Weekly fungicide applications are going to be vital.
    - ◆ Week 1 - Serata® fungicide application at 0.8 oz/1000 sq. ft. and lightly water this with irrigation.
    - ◆ Week 2 - Apply Harrell's Title Phyte® and Daconil® without irrigation. Water in that night.
    - ◆ Week 3 - Segway® fungicide application at 0.9 oz/1000sq.ft and lightly water this application in. Use a wetting agent at that time.
    - ◆ Week 4 - Apply Harrell's Title Phyte and Fore® fungicide application without irrigation. Water in that night.
    - ◆ After this month of applications, the disease should be under control, and applications for preventative control can be completed every 14-21 days with Serata, Segway®, Banol®, or Heritage® until the beginning of December.
    - ◆ Weekly fertilizer applications should be completed by either granular or liquid applications to assist with turf recovery.
    - ◆ Continue the weekly foliar applications that are presently being completed. Don't complete these applications while applying the fungicide applications. Perform them maybe two to three days later in between the next fungicide application.
    - ◆ Apply a slow-release fertilizer to the putting greens. Avoid using quick-release nitrogen for the next couple of weeks. I believe that there was an Andersons 19-0-15 in the maintenance facility. Use this and then go to the Andersons 13-2-13 once the disease is under control to speed recovery.
    - ◆ Start topdressing greens lightly every two weeks with a GA-45 topdressing sand. Lightly broom this in.
    - ◆ In August, schedule an outside contractor to perform a deep-tine aeration for the putting greens. If you need help scheduling, I can assist.
    - ◆ Purchase a TDR 350 Moisture Meter and monitor moisture in the putting greens to help promote a healthy turf surface.
    - ◆ Evaluation of clipping rates every week is needed to see how much recovery is occurring.
    - ◆ Keep the mindset that some turf repair with sod may need to occur.





*Area on No. 5 green that will need to be evaluated consistently for turf recovery and to see how the disease eradication program is performing.*

3. Once the bermudagrass has recovered, the program will need to be reset, and a preventative approach will need to be taken to keep the putting greens healthy.

## Ultradwarf Putting Green Practices

### Recommendations

#### 1. Mowing Practices.

- Use mowing to remove leaf tissue and manipulate the texture of the canopy.
- Continue the use of triplex mowers that can assist in mowing frequency.
- Experiment with mowing in the afternoon during the growing season to remove leaf tissue that grows during the daytime.



## 2. Rolling Putting Greens.

- Using speed or lightweight rollers in the surface management plan can assist in keeping the green speed consistent.
- Rolling three to four times a week with mowing has successfully maintained quality greens and consistent ball roll for many golf courses.
- [Mowing And Rolling Greens to Manage Green Speed and Turf Performance \(usga.org\)](https://www.usga.org/playing/putting/rolling-putting-greens-to-manage-green-speed-and-turf-performance).

## 3. Light Vertical Mowing.

- Purchase a set of verticut reels for the triplex or build a set out of an older set of reels that may all already be on the property.
- Use traditional vertical mowing blades on a triplex mower set to a depth with acceptable field results. This is usually set to a depth of 0.00 to 0.050 inches below the bottom of the roller on the reel.
- Light vertical mowing should be completed at least twice a month in the growing season.
- During the aeration process, verticutting can be more aggressive and complete in many directions.

## 4. Topdressing.

- Topdressing the putting green is vital in diluting organic matter accumulation and providing an environment for flourishing root and plant growth.
- Light topdressing should be completed weekly in conjunction with verticutting.
- Sand topdressing is vital for smoothness and firmness, which affects playability.
- The use of a GA-45 sand is recommended when performing the practice of topdressing.
- When aeration occurs, switch to GA-35 sand to fill the aeration holes with a sand particle size similar to the rootzone.

## 5. Use of Growth Regulator.

- Experiment with Primo® rates to control vertical growth in the growing season. These rates can vary from 1 ounce to 6 ounces per week.
- This can sometimes be accomplished by splitting the rate and applying twice weekly.
- Additionally, Primo will assist with putting quality.
- Start this once putting greens are 75% recovered.

## 6. Moisture Management.

- Use wetting agents to provide consistent moisture content throughout the putting greens.
- Continue to fine-tune the new irrigation system run times and nozzle spacing.

- Purchase and utilize a moisture meter to provide an exceptional playing surface. I recommend the TDR 350 from Spectrum. [\\*FieldScout TDR 350 Soil Moisture Meter \(Case Included\) | Spectrum Technologies \(specmeters.com\)](#)

## Irrigation Upgrades

### Observations

1. The irrigation pump system is ending its useful life and has gone through recent repairs.
  - Technology has improved since this pump was installed.



*Present pump system that is showing signs of wear and tear.*



**2. Irrigation controllers are located inside the pumphouse, which is the only way to control the system.**

- This causes labor and efficiency issues when accurately irrigating the golf course.



*Irrigation controllers located in pumphouse.*

**3. The irrigation for the putting green complexes is on a block-style control, which requires simultaneously watering all the irrigation heads and can't be individually controlled.**

- The putting greens should have single-head control for proper management of the putting greens.

## Recommendations

- 1. Review the present irrigation system with your consultant, Bob Scott.**
- 2. It was discussed that there are discussions to build an additional 9 holes to the Oxbow Creek Golf Course. Depending on this timeframe, I would strongly consider renovating the present golf course infrastructure and design it with the mindset that it could be expanded, and the additional proposed 9 holes could be added on with any issues for the future.**
- 3. Items to consider and discuss with Bob Scott:**
  - A new pump system that would upgrade the present system and be large enough to handle the capacity needs of the next 9 holes, if built.

- Will the present wells on the property provide enough water for future needs?
- Ensure that the future system is automated with an irrigation computer and can also be controlled by radio or cellular phone.
- Consider a 2-wire style irrigation system because of the expansion option and the lack of irrigation controllers.
- Single head control is a must and must be a vital consideration.

## Summary

Thank you for the enjoyable visit and the opportunity to discuss the maintenance issues at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. I'm excited to see the improvements that can be made over the coming months. I wish you a successful summer growing season, and I'm happy to assist on behalf of the USGA Green Section. I will check in with Steve and Tre over the next couple of weeks to hear about the progress with the turf recovery of the putting greens. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Neff, Consulting Agronomist  
USGA Green Section

Distribution:

Steve Brown, Golf Course Superintendent, Bull Creek Golf Course



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# Sales By Department

## Bull Creek Golf Course

Saturday, July 1, 2023 - Sunday, June 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		
Cart Fees	49,017	\$912,697.39		\$206.50	99.98%	(11)	(\$254.79)		49,006	\$912,442.60			
Food & Beverage	88,855	\$296,567.25		\$31,689.80	89.31%	(51)	(\$223.18)		88,804	\$296,344.07			
Gift Certificate	380	\$28,337.00							380	\$28,337.00			
Green Fees	55,676	\$608,120.41				(2)	(\$21.10)		55,674	\$608,099.31			
Memberships	588	\$155,025.01							588	\$155,025.01			
Package	192								192				
Pro Shop	29,490	\$413,168.25		\$113,111.09	72.62%	(6)	(\$27.00)		29,484	\$413,141.25			
<b>Total</b>	<b>224,198</b>	<b>\$2,413,915.31</b>	<b>\$193,417.07</b>	<b>\$145,007.39</b>	<b>93.99%</b>	<b>(70)</b>	<b>(\$526.07)</b>	<b>(\$44.46)</b>	<b>224,128</b>	<b>\$2,413,389.24</b>	<b>\$193,372</b>		



# Sales By Department

## Oxbow Creek Golf Course

Saturday, July 1, 2023 - Sunday, June 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	8,978	\$99,561.97		\$0.00	100.00%					8,978	\$99,561.97	
Food & Beverage	29,996	\$60,682.52		\$154.80	99.74%					29,996	\$60,682.52	
Gift Certificate	12	\$1,538.00								12	\$1,538.00	
Green Fees	25,821	\$352,369.36				(3)	(\$41.28)			25,818	\$352,328.08	
Pro Shop	14,984	\$138,666.08		\$35,734.48	74.23%	(2)	(\$278.25)			14,982	\$138,387.83	
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,791</b>	<b>\$652,817.93</b>	<b>\$57,689.34</b>	<b>\$35,889.28</b>	<b>94.50%</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(\$319.53)</b>	<b>(\$28.76)</b>	<b>79,786</b>	<b>\$652,498.40</b>	<b>\$57,660.</b>	



Golf Director Report-Tuesday, July 23, 2024, submitted by Jim Arendt

Updates:

- Nikki Siter report-
- Reserves (as of July 18, 2024)
  - Bull Creek-\$726,957.48
  - Oxbow Creek-(\$56,128.52)
- Presentation of Goodwill SR/GPGA Gene Siler Memorial \$3000 grant to local youth, Carl Tutton.
- Bull Creek rate changes began July 1, junior golf rates remain at \$5/9 holes and \$10/18 holes-approved?
- Senior groups will increase \$1 on January 1 due to 2024 obligation.
- Point of Sale at Godwin Creek-have negotiated with a new vendor, opportunity to test, possibly switch service.
- Equipment-attachment for spiker needed at Oxbow Creek, seek approval to purchase with reserve funds, \$4975.32.
- Yamaha leases for Oxbow Creek (41 carts) and Godwin Creek (6) has been signed and submitted.

**INVOICE**

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Due Date : 08/11/24  
 Order # : 1352067  
 Order Date : 07/10/24  
 Cust PO # : SP5040 SPIKER

Terms : NET 30  
 Reps : 028 / 056  
 Ship Via : 70 UPS Ground Standard  
 Written By : Frank Sneed

Product / Description	Ordered	Shipped	Backordered	WH	Price	Extension
08755 QAS SPIKER Serial #s: 416568438	1	1	0	DS	4,675.32	4,675.32

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Discount : \$0.00  
 Downpayment : \$0.00  
 Subtotal : \$4,675.32  
 Freight : \$300.00  
 Tax: \$0.00  
 Total : \$4,975.32  
 Total Applied : \$0.00  
 Total Due : \$4,975.32

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Hello Golf Authority Members,

Per your request, please see the following report. There are 2 employees with potential impact from the DOL rule change effective 7.1.2024. Those employees are listed below with their respective annual pay rate as of 7.1.2024:

Adam Cooper, Assistant Golf Professional-\$40,800

Selina Simmons, Accounting Technician-\$40,800

Based on an average work week of 45 hours, here is an example of how each individual compensation is impacted:

## Columbus Golf Authority 7.1.24 DOL Impact

### \$40,800 Annual Compensation

	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Wage Earned</u>	
Base	\$ 19.62	40	\$ 784.80	
Overtime	\$ 29.42	5	\$ 147.10	
			\$ 931.90	<i>Weekly Salary</i>
			\$24,229.40	<i>6 Month Salary</i>
			\$48,458.80	<i>Annual Salary</i>

Hello Golf Authority Members,

As reported, HR Director Reather Hollowell and I did meet earlier this week. We discussed the DOL change for July 1, 2024, and the proposed change for January 1, 2025. HR Director Hollowell advised "not to make any decisions based on a DOL change on January 1, 2025". There is some confidence that the proposed increase (by DOL) to \$58,656 for salaried staff will be challenged. Director Hollowell and I also discussed tracking the hours of the four Golf Authority staff members (Siter, Upshaw, Cooper, Simmons) with potential impact by January 1, 2025. This tracking is being performed and will provide the ability to produce factual numbers to you later in the year, pending DOL decisions.

Based on this information, and the projections sent on 6/28/2024, I would like to present three different options for your consideration:

- 1) Cooper and Simmons stay in the newly transitioned hourly rate status. This rate would be \$19.62 per hour and \$29.42 per hour for OT and HOLIDAY pay. Under this scenario it is anticipated that each employee would be paid a total of \$48,458 annually.
- 2) Move Cooper to \$43,888 salaried and leave Simmons hourly, \$19.62 reg/\$29.42 OT. Cooper is more likely to exceed the projected 45 weekly hours.
- 3) Move both Cooper and Simmons to \$43,888 salary. Based on an average of 45 hours/week this would save \$9000 annually.