

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2026

Chairman William Roundtree called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the February 26, 2026, regular meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion by Ken Crumpler, seconded by Gerald Miley.

Superintendent Steve Brown reported that cart path repair work is continuing at Bull Creek, with repairs recently made near the green on East Course hole 4 and on 15 West.

The lift vehicle has been repaired and is once again available, and tree removal at Oxbow Creek is also in progress.

The West Course greens have been aerified, and a new process of small punctures each month will make the large hole punctures that usually occur each summer on the greens unnecessary, Brown reported.

Pre-merge herbicide is also being applied to the greens, new inmates are being trained on mower operations and Oxbow Creek is continuing to await replacement of a transfer water pump, he said.

Golf Director Arendt reported that the city's financial reports continue to fail to reflect all of the proceeds collected each month at the courses due to a continuing lapse in connecting actual deposits made to those accredited by the finance department. Those not accredited for the

monthly report are carried into the city's report for the following month. The revenues collected, however, show that finances are on track, with the busy months of March through June promising even better yields to come before the June 30 end of the budget's fiscal year.

As of March 13, Bull Creek's cash reserve was \$352,006.89, and Oxbow Creek's reserve was \$78,296.48. Both are in good position, with increased cash reserve growth anticipated through the remainder of the fiscal year, Arendt said.

No new information is yet available on a proposed lease renewal, hopefully by June, for the 104 gas carts now under lease, he said. It is hoped to establish a new lease, with no penalties, that would carry through until converting to an electric fleet when a new Bull Creek clubhouse is completed. Also, plans are being considered for disposing of the 50 course-owned gas carts at a premium price. Selling them to individuals would be best, but it would take Columbus Council action to allow such sales. An auction for disposal would be ideal, and further exploration of legal requirements for such a plan will be pursued, he said.

Oxbow Creek is preparing for renovation of its clubhouse and operation from a mobile office during that project. A cashless operation is likely the best procedure for security, he said.

Arendt reported he has received a complaint of a sexual harassment at the driving range of Oxbow Creek, with the female complainant stating that she was harassed with explicit sexual comments by a man who had previously been banned by the Authority for similar conduct, but reinstated in January 2025.

The golf director said the woman had reported the episode immediately to employees at the course, but had not yet filed a police report. He said he had contacted the alleged perpetrator, but received no response to the allegation. Gerald Miley said it would be premature for the Authority to take action when no police complaint had been filed.

Arendt said he would contact the complainant to see if she intends to file a report with the police.

Jim Houston made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Leohr, for the golf director to notify the alleged perpetrator by mail that a complaint has been filed accusing him of sexual harassment and offering him an opportunity to respond to the Authority. The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Arendt said he is participating in a virtual meeting with city officials on Wednesday during which the Authority's budget proposal for the next fiscal year will be discussed.

The golf director said upcoming featured events include the U.S. Blind Open at Green Island Hills Country Club, with PGA HOPE Veterans assisting, and a PGA HOPE night is being planned for veterans at a home game of the Columbus Clingstones, the Double-A franchise for the Atlanta Braves. It is tentatively set for June 25.

Tommy Nobles reported that the Oxbow Creek clubhouse renovation is set to begin March 31, and the new bridge for the Oxbow course is expected to be delivered April 3, with preliminary preparatory work occurring the previous week.

Gerald Miley made a motion, seconded by Kenneth Davis, for the Authority to hold monthly meetings at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning in April and continuing through December, with future meeting dates to be addressed at the annual meeting to occur on the second Tuesday of January 2027. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Roundtree asked Authority members to be prepared to offer feedback to the director of golf regarding the performance and progress of the director and his staff, with the director also prepared to provide possible feedback regarding the Authority.

A motion to adjourn, made by Ken Crumpler and seconded by Stephanie Leohr, was passed unanimously.

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