



Cortez Recreation Center
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March 27, 2026

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A Golf Advisory Committee Meeting occurred on **Friday, April 3, 2026, at 7:00 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 Rudosky, Golf Pro
- viii. Ryan Thetga, Golf Superintendent
- ix. Creighton Wright, Park and Recreation Director
- x. Jenny Bandi, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

b. Absent:

- i. None

2. Approval of minutes

a. February 2026

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

3. Pro Report by Micah Rudosky

a. Report:

- i. Rounds: 2025: 2158; 2026: 2478 (+15%)
- ii. Revenue: 2025: \$247,220; 2026: \$282,269 (+15%)
- iii. Tournaments:
 1. Saturday is the first tournament. 100 players registered.
 2. Moved the Child Advocacy Tournament on 4/18 from the fall.

3. Demo Days with Taylor Made today and tomorrow.
 4. Ice Breaker Tournament is scheduled for the first weekend in May, May 2 and May 3.
 5. New tables and chairs are coming in the next few weeks.
 6. Focusing on improving the functionality of the clubhouse.
 7. Clubhouse will bring out the pizza oven for bigger events.
 8. Parking lot
 - a. Trailered parking to gravel
 - b. Formalizing parking along the trees to the south
 - c. Bag drops
 - d. One-way traffic flow
 - e. Switching stall orientation from E/W to N/S
 - f. Consider diagonal parking
 - g. No carts in the parking lot?
 9. Conquistador Golf App is built and launched. The staff is still training on functionality.
 10. Clinic is scheduled on 4/13-17
- iv. General Play and comments:
1. Early season/opening play thus far has been good.
- b. Comments: No significant comments.
- c. Direction: Receive Report.

4. Staff Report

- a. Superintendent by Ryan Thetga
 - i. Report:
 1. Course conditions: As good as they can be given limited water, and hot, dry (for this time of year) conditions.
 2. Irrigation:
 - a. MVI has given a 60-day run window thus far
 - b. If it remains, we will need to run potable
 3. Staffing:
 - a. Rick and Tony on PT
 - b. Irrigation Assistant to start 4/13
 - c. Kaden to return this summer
 - d. Two seasonal openings being recruited for now.
 4. Projects:
 - a. Cart Paths
 - i. Poured half paths yesterday

- ii. Poured the other half on Tuesday next week
 - iii. Expected to open it on Saturday, next week
 - b. Side deck
 - i. Demo and repair the side deck (need a sign)
 - c. Pond liner
 - i. Dirt work quote for the pond
 - ii. Need a spec and quote for liner
 - d. Have tee markers; they need to be powder-coated
 - ii. Comments: No significant comments.
 - iii. Direction: Receive report.
- b. Director/Assistant Director
 - i. Report:
 - 1. Assistant Director Bandi provided a Survey Update
 - a. 119 golf survey submissions
 - b. Initial impressions: overall good
 - c. Tee boxes are the greatest concern
 - d. Notable Survey Comments:
 - i. Roots with trees impacting the course
 - ii. Revenue vs profit education
 - iii. How to broaden the reach and image of the golf course
 - PR campaign
 - 2. Master Plan Update
 - a. Assistant Director Bandi shared an update on the PR Master Plan: 8 proposals received. 2 are strong.
 - c. Comments: No significant comments.
 - d. Direction: Receive Report.

5. Men's Club Report by Keenan Lovett

- a. Report: Committee Member Lovett shared there is not much to report. Women's Association contributed to the tee markers with the Men's Association.
- b. Comments: No significant comments.
- c. Direction: Receive Report.

6. Women's Club Report by Janet Knisley

- a. Report: Committee Member Knisley shared that the Women's Association has a get-together planned on 4/8. Will remind members to complete the surveys.
- b. Comments: No significant comments.

c. Direction: Receive Report.

7. Youth Report by Amita Crowley

- a. Report: Committee Member Crowley reported that Cortez Girls has 9. Dolores has 4/5. The first tournament was in Delta. They took 4th or 5th. Two tournaments at Conquistador. Two tournaments at the end of the month, one of Dolores and MCHS.
- b. Ms. Crowley reported that she is having a college signed at Tuesday, 4/7 at 6 pm
- c. Comments: No significant comments.
- d. Direction: Receive Report.

8. At-Large Member Report by Sam Jarvis

- a. Report: Committee Member Jarvis reported that there is not much to report. Greens have come out well; they are running a little slow.
- b. Comments: No significant comments.
- c. Direction: Receive Report.

9. Council Report

- a. Report: Council Members Lewis and Randle asked folks to vote for Council and Charter amendments. Council is considering an advisory committee for the airport.
- b. Comments: No significant comments.
- c. Direction: Receive Report.

10. Discussion Topics

- a. Director Wright shared that the department is beginning work on Emerging Issues or Priorities for 2027. He shared the following priorities:
 - i. P&R Master Plan
 - ii. Financial Planning/Fee Methodology
 - iii. Maintenance Best Practices/Open Gov
 - iv. RC Sales Tax effects
 - v. Marketing/Branding/Outreach
 - vi. Leadership Development
 - vii. Golf
 - 1. Irrigation System Planning
 - 2. Policy Adjustments
 - a. (pace of play?)
 - viii. Comments:
 - 1. The committee was happy to know that we are working on the

irrigation plan.

2. The committee suggested reaching out to the P/R Director from Farmington to understand how they funded the irrigation system replacement.
3. The committee suggested that during the next winter, consider a refresh and renovation of the interior of the clubhouse, and ensure the soffit repair isn't forgotten about
4. The committee identified that the exterior of the RR on 14 could be painted.
5. The Council Members shared that unspent funds for cart paths be carried forward into a future year. They felt that there could be some negative feedback if we didn't spend the money on cart paths. ~\$18,000 difference from the budget and the execution of cart paths. Staff/committee members shared that these funds could be repurposed for other priorities, such as the soffit, repairs to the clubhouse, and others. A committee member mentioned that they felt most golfers would be okay with the funds going to other things, as long as we continued to make progress on the cart paths.
6. One consideration for the unspent funds is to put money into gravel to improve the cart paths.

ix. Direction: Receive report, consider feedback.

11. Adjournment – 8:03 am. Committee Member Lovett moved, and Knisley seconded it.