Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

In Attendance:

GJAC Members: Jerry Foster, Ruth Hatcher, John Houser, Brad Lawrence, Clay Merritt, Kimela Mullen.

Golf Operations: Graham Kornmeyer, Alex Sanford, Darryl Muldoon.

POA Administration: Jessica McCrary and Tom Judson.

Board Liaisons: Bob Brooks, Kim Carlson

1. Opening & Administrative Items

- Ruth Hatcher opened the meeting.
- Welcomed new board liaison Kim Carlson; Bob Brooks returning; Dave Armstrong moved from committee to board.
- May 13 minutes approved with no corrections.
- Six members present.

2. Golf Facilities Reports

- **Highlands:** Course in excellent condition; Zoysia patching underway; red tees could be slightly larger.
- **Dogwood:** Course in outstanding condition; staff and pro shop praised; minor cart wear; tee-box concerns mainly on gold tees.
- **Country Club:** Staff and inventory strong; no major tee-box leveling issues cited. Will review all tee boxes and report any that need looked at.
- **Scotsdale:** Clubhouse and range performing well; driving range nice improvement to course; bridge on hole 15 still needs welding; some tee-marker placement adjustments needed.
- **Kingswood/Berksdale:** Friendly staff; greens in great shape; some bare spots remain (notably #16); tee-box leveling list submitted.

3. Golf Cart Fleet

- Next major fleet bid in October; new carts expected late next year.
- Ongoing repairs include windshields, seats, pins, and tires.

4. Maintenance & Agronomy

- Five truckloads of sod installed in May; two more pending for Highlands & Kingswood.
- Bunker-edge repairs completed at Dogwood.
- Erosion repair underway on Highlands #1.
- Greens aerification scheduled for Scotsdale and Brittany next week; tee and collar aerification for all courses in early July.
- Third pre-emergent application planned for Kingswood, Berksdale, and Country Club.
- Testing Zoysia establishment without removing Bermuda on select holes.
- Bunker rake placement remains flexible; USGA recommends outside placement.
- Country Club #13 sod installation complete; Kingswood fan project nearing completion.

5. Operations & Revenue

- May exceeded expectations in rounds, range usage, and pro-shop sales.
- Year-to-date rounds: 80,004 (up 15,490 over last year).
- Driving ranges remain the busiest in Northwest Arkansas.

6. Events & Programming

- Folds of Honor event completed; Junior Golf Camp #1 successful.
- Upcoming events include Alzheimer's Tournament (June 20), Friends of Highlands (July 4), Junior Camp #2 (July 8–11), Couples Mixer (July 18), All in the Family (July 25), and Futures Academy Invitational (July 25).

7. Old Business – Budget Review Items Items under consideration: Zoysia expansion, cart paths, tee-box leveling, bunkers, pace of play, tree replacement, course signage.

- Cart paths identified as a top priority; grinder arrives in July.
- Zoysia expansion gaining support but requires extended closures.
- Signage improvements requested.
- Tree replacement likely limited to ~12 key locations.

- Members will rank the seven items and submit within two days.

8. New Business

- JAC committee member interviews conducted following the meeting.

9. Next Meeting

- July 8 in the Boardroom.