



Golf Advisory Board Minutes

May 14th, 2026, at 4:30 PM

1. Call to Order
 - Pat called the meeting to order at 4:28 PM
2. Roll Call
 - Board Members Present: Patti Brug, Eric Lind, Mike Sage, Patrick McMillen, and Pat Gilliam
 - Board Members Absent: Jeff Collins and Kim Spencer
 - City Employees: Chris Colling (Golf Manager) and Alexa Schubin (Admin III-Forestry)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - Pat asked if there were any adjustments needed, to which Patti said there were none. Pat asked for motion, Patti moved and Patrick seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Approval of the agenda
 - Pat asked the board to look at the agenda and asked if there were any additions. Pat did state that he would like to add something under new business section. Pat wanted to discuss the fee adjustment for Boomerang, considering closures. He asked if anything else needed to be added and Patti said no. Pat made a motion to approve. Mike said yes and Eric seconded the motion, passed 5-0.
5. Citizen Input
 - No citizens were present for input.
6. Old Business:
 - Fee Research Committee- Pat said we talked about a committee of three for the next fee increase during our previous meeting. Pat asked for clarity on when this will take place (2027) and Chris clarified that this would be in place by 2028, but they would need to have research in by 2027. Chris said this would be ideally due in March 2027.
 - Pat said there are 2 items to address for the committee, one is they need to have 3 people who want to do this, and it would be outside the regularly scheduled meeting hours. The second thing that is needed would be to have a charge. The purpose of the charge would be to keep the board on task (rather than talking about extraneous items that are not involved with the fee structure).
 - Mike said he was willing and Patrick said he was willing as well. Patrick and Mike mentioned that they believed Kim said she would be willing to participate. Pat said we will put Kim down as a third for now, but we will change if she states she is unable to serve on the committee at the next meeting.
 - Pat asked Chris what the most helpful information would be to examine for the recommendation.
 - Chris said that a market study looking at fees and amenities of other courses and how we compare would be the most useful.

- Pat clarified if items like membership passes would be of interest.
 - Chris said information based off 50 rounds of prime time and 4-day pass at 25 rounds prime time. Another point of interest would be, do other courses have different prime times? He said that the three days our courses have seem to work and generate revenue. The focus of the committee is to provide a factual basis to explain what is being done and why. Chris said the work that the last committee did was great for the previous increase.
- Pat said that Fort Collins, Loveland, Longmont, Firestone, and Riverdale were examined for the previous fee increase. Pat clarified that we would be wanting to look at the basic free structure and prime time.
 - Chris wants them to bear in mind that the goal is for this to cover the 3-year structure, it would need to sustain the courses.
- Patti asked how people knew about the changed fees in January 2025 and Chris said it was because the fees were already in place and that is why there was so much feedback provided.
 - Pat stated we do post the minutes on the board on the courses and they can look at them whenever they want to see what is going on.
 - Chris agreed that the minutes are out there to increase visibility to the golfing community.
 - Patti was curious about the QR codes and how many are using them to access information. Chris said he would love to see those numbers, but the whole purpose is to provide the public with a platform to speak.
 - Patti asked if we look to invite people for input at meetings.
- Mike said that because of the loss of the 7-day pass and no regulation that he doesn't think we will see those kickbacks with the new fee structure.
- Patrick was curious about what kind of questions the previous committee was asking. For example, what kind of fee structure they had, what the rotation was (like 2 years or something similar).
 - Pat responded that Phil had asked Loveland what their fees were and they were met with no help so we may see something similar this round.
- Patrick asked when it is needed and Chris said it would be needed by Jan of 2027 to vote in March.
- Patrick asked for clarity on if this would just be an advisement about what the fees would be and Chris responded, yes.
- Pat said that by October we need to have an idea hammered out as to what is needed and so we can present it in January and have it ready to pass a vote, and Chris agrees.
- Patrick was curious about who makes the decision. Chris told him it would be the golf course staff and the CPRD Director per the advisory board charter. Chris also provided that Diana has full control over the department and she would have the ability to change it herself if it was needed.
 - Chris said the idea is that there would be a consensus on what is presented for the fee structure.

- Pat said that 2 years ago there was a person from council that stated, according to meeting rules, they had to make the committee public. However, the committee can meet and report findings, but these do not need to be public.

7. New Business:

- Pat raised a question during new business about the current course conditions. He noted that when the City previously changed the course and moved four holes, the course remained open and playable, even if conditions were not ideal. Now, with one of the 18 holes closed, he is concerned that golfers may be frustrated about effectively having a 17-hole course. He said it is important to keep in mind how this could affect customer service and marketing and asked whether there is anything that could be done, such as offering a reduced rate or possibly charging a senior rate to save players a few dollars. His main concern was avoiding tension with the public.
 - Chris said staff had discussed the issue and decided to wait and see whether there was any pushback, particularly regarding holes 3 and 4, which were rough but still playable. He shared that he had met with the golf pros, and Marc had not seen any complaints so far. Chris said that if they do start hearing concerns from players, they would revisit the issue. He also noted that even with the current fee structure, the course remains competitive compared with other Northern Colorado courses.
 - Chris added that on Saturdays and Sundays, all holes are open. During the week, however, one hole will need to be closed as part of the irrigation phase. When Patti asked how long that would continue, Chris confirmed it would likely be one-hole closed Monday through Friday each week until September. Chris acknowledged that this has been a concern from a revenue standpoint.
 - Chris also reported that Boomerang is still generating more revenue than Highland this year. He said there have not been any complaints so far and gave kudos to staff for doing a good job keeping golfers informed.
 - Pat asked whether staff would consider adjusting the fee if concerns do arise. Chris said yes, and Patrick agreed.
 - Patrick asked where golfers would be driving from and whether it would be on grass. Chris responded that it is still very likely that golfers will be hitting from mats because the grass remains fragile.
 - Patrick also asked whether the employee picking the driving range balls was damaging the course. Chris said no.
 - Patrick asked for clarification on the closure schedule, specifically whether it would be one-hole closed Monday through Thursday. Chris clarified that it would be one hole at a time during the workweek, continuing until Labor Day, because having crews on multiple holes at once would not work.
 - Patrick then asked whether scores could still be posted to GHIN if this type of work was going on. Chris explained that if a player starts an 18-hole round but only completes 13 holes, the round can still be posted. He added that boring work is less invasive.
 - Chris concluded by saying that golfers who do not want to play a course with 17 holes still have the option to book at Highland. He noted that if they did not have a second course available, he would be more concerned

- Chris then provided staff and course updates. He reported that Highland Hills had 11,502 rounds played, Boomerang had 12,877 rounds played, and the short course had 408 rounds played. He also shared the Boomerang maintenance page and provided a handout with a Boomerang course update, which will be attached to the minutes.
- Chris reported that the No. 9 green and the putting green have been overhauled. He said the work has improved drainage so that, if flooding occurs, the water now goes where it is supposed to. He added that from March 15 until water could be turned on to the front nine, conditions were challenging, but the area started coming back about two to three weeks ago.
- Chris noted that staff had been dealing with the effects of a rough winter and then asked whether there were any questions about Boomerang.
- Moving on to Highland Hills, Chris said there had been significant tree damage. He noted there were many hanging branches, and Forestry staff had been out every day that week helping clean them up. He also reported that the tee boxes on holes 1, 3, and 16 have been renovated and have started to be mowed down to two inches. Chris said No. 1 is still soft, but he expects those tee boxes to be open by mid-June.
- Patti asked whether that timeline applied to the men's tee boxes, and Chris confirmed that it did, adding that those were the only ones he had updates on.
- Patrick asked whether operations were ahead of last year. Chris responded that they were \$120,000 ahead of last year.
- Mike asked how the restaurant was doing, and Chris said it was doing well.

8. Good of the Order:

- Pat asked if there was any input for the good of the order and the board had nothing to provide.

9. Business for next meeting:

- Pat asked if there was anything to be added to the agenda for the next meeting, and none of the other members had anything to add.

10. Scheduling of Meetings:

- The next meeting will be held on July 9th at 4:30 PM at the Forestry Office at Josephine Jones Park (2631 52nd Ave Ct) rather than the Funplex. All other meetings of 2026 should remain at Funplex unless otherwise specified.

11. Adjournment:

- Patrick motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Mike, motion passed 5-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:04



Pat Gilliam – Chair



Chris Colling– Golf Manager

Boomerang Links Course Update – May 14, 2026

It's been a busy spring here at Boomerang Links, and we have several projects to update you on.

Pond / Pump Station on #4

FNF mobilized in February and was able to excavate the pond to the planned grade. The project required a temporary pause to allow for design decisions, contract finalization, and ordering of long-lead-time components.

The tentative plan is for FNF to re-mobilize in early summer to begin installation of the intake pipe and other infrastructure, line the pond, demolish the old pump station, and install the wet well. Our goal is to complete all work leading back to the pump station building so we can reopen #3 fairway and rebuild #4 tee. However, we anticipate the road on #3 fairway will remain in place and #4 tee will remain closed until fall.

At that point, there will likely be another pause while we acquire additional pump station components, some of which currently have lead times of four to six months. As of now, the pump station building and pump installation are expected to take place this winter or early next year.

From a golf course operations standpoint, once #3 fairway and #4 tee are restored this fall, there should be minimal inconvenience to play, as only a small work area around the pump station will remain active.

Irrigation Installation

FNF began mobilizing and fusing pipe last week and will begin irrigation installation this week.

The current plan is to begin on holes #7, #6, and #5, then move to #2/#8, #1/#9, and the driving range before returning to #3 and #4.

We will begin temporary weekday closures, starting May 13 with #7 closed, and will utilize temporary green and adjusted tee locations (similar to what was done on the back in 2021) to keep the front nine as open and playable as possible while allowing FNF to work safely.

FNF will conclude work each week to allow for full 18-hole operations on Saturdays and Sundays.

This project will take several months, and we anticipate temporary closures and construction conditions on the front nine through September.

Stormwater Improvements

This winter, we worked with the City of Greeley stormwater department to improve the retention pond located off 4th Street.

Over the last 35+ years, sediment buildup and vegetation growth significantly reduced the pond's retention capacity and overall function. We removed all cattails and regraded the area to improve water movement throughout the basin. We also installed a concrete catch basin to slow water entering from 4th Street and allow for easier ongoing maintenance.

In addition, we installed a 24-inch culvert and grassed the swale behind the putting green. The goal was to improve both functionality and appearance. The previous layout made the chipping green minimally usable, and once the turf is fully established, we expect the area to become a much more functional and visually appealing practice space.

General Course Conditions

As many of you are aware, we experienced a significant amount of winter kill on the front nine this year.

This was caused by several factors, primarily the record heat and lack of moisture throughout the previous fall, winter, and spring, along with delayed availability of irrigation water this spring.

During several red flag wind events this winter, we also encountered a new challenge: significant amounts of silt encroached onto hole #2. Cleanup required several weeks of work, substantial labor, and removal of more than 500 tons of silt. Unfortunately, that level of activity on already stressed and dry turf was more than the hole could withstand.

The good news is that we believe conditions are moving in the right direction. We have aerified, seeded, fertilized multiple times, and we have finally received some much-needed rainfall. Combined with warmer temperatures, we expect to see significant improvements in the weeks ahead.

Unfortunately, we encountered a perfect storm of conditions this winter, but it also highlighted just how critical this irrigation project is for the long-term health of the golf course. Conditions on the back nine were dramatically better from those on the front nine, and once the new irrigation system is complete, we will have the tools and resources needed to better protect the turf and help prevent losses of this scale in the future.

John Lambrecht

Boomerang Links Golf Course Superintendent