

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2026

Mr. McDermott called the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

PRESENT: Tim Howe, Brian McDermott, and Bob White

ALSO PRESENT: Cory Ferrell, Manager, Kevin Goss, Superintendent, Jean Paprocki

The Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Joe Colmone, Pete Foran, Kent Johnson, and Vince Spaeth

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 28, 2026

No motion was taken because of a lack of a quorum

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Challenging weather conditions including multiple weather-related closures and net repair impacted rounds and revenue. Looking at the end of July, we had 24 playable days which is 6 less than last year with 4,389 rounds and \$143,819 in greens fees and cart revenue which is about \$24,500 less than last year. Range revenue was also about \$13,000 less than last year with range closure beginning on July 27. Weather challenges continued in August with 22 playable days out of 24 days in August but rain stopped play on several of those playable days. There were 3,604 rounds so far with \$110,450 in greens fees and cart revenue which is \$60,971 less than last year but there are still 7 more days in August and the weather looks promising. The driving nets were repaired and the driving range opened on August 7 and quickly rebounded to \$22,138 in revenue which is still \$28,774 lower than last year.

As summer ends, 16 seasonal staff members also finished their summertime positions as many head back to school. Events this month included high school tryouts for four high schools, York, Timothy Christian, Willowbrook, and Immaculate Conception and upcoming tournament matches with York and Willowbrook both participating on different Saturdays. We also are hosting 4 banquets and 4 golf events including 2 tee-time starts and 2 shotgun starts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The wet trend continued at the end of July and throughout August making this one of the most challenging summers in recent years. August had 14 days with some precipitation and 8 days with significant rain. From August 9th to August 18th, near daily rain and a major wind event on the 11th which took down a large willow tree was particularly stressful. The frequent storms and periods of high heat have also made this one of the tougher summers for turfgrass. That large willow tree took several staff members almost 3 days to clean up with other damaged limbs and debris a consequence of the storm. We have removed almost 30 trees already with about 20 more to be removed as they are nearing their life cycle. Other projects included replacing 4 leaking irrigation heads from 1996, removing invasive plants from native areas, and then dealing with a rash of equipment breakdowns. These involved either rebuilding or replacing parts on the driving range ball picker drums, the front differential on the tractor, the wheel bearings and seats on a rough mower and lastly preventative maintenance of reel mowers. The good news is that the driving range

repair was completed from August 4th to August 7th in time to open for the weekend. The invoice for \$42,710 was submitted to PDRMA and we are waiting to see how much will be reimbursed. The photo of two turtles in Audubon Bioblitz Photography category won first place. There were only 2 bids on the bridge repair project and both were much higher than budgeted so we are looking at other options. Coming fall projects include drainage repairs under #1 path, cart path asphalt on the first hole, equipment repairs and replacement, and aforementioned tree removal.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT

No financial reports due to a lack of quorum

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,