

## Chairman's Notes

7/14/2023

Well, it's time again for the chairman's notes. I'm having some computer problems this week so the notes may be shorter than normal, but we'll try to give you all the information we can.

The first thing I wanted to talk about is the golf course. There seems to be a lot of interest in the golf course right now and how we're going to be able to get everything done in the timeline that has been set and also concerning the amount of money we have to spend on the golf course.

- The first thing we need to do is ensure that we get the irrigation done correctly. We have been in meetings with contractors and have selected a contractor to do the irrigation, Winterberry Company out of Connecticut. They will be handling the installation of our irrigation system. The cost of the irrigation system at this point is approximately 1.7 million. This includes all of the materials to install the system including the computer control heads for the system and all piping and wiring.
- We are in the process of obtaining bids for the construction of the greens and tee boxes on the golf course. Hopefully, we will have those bids by the middle to the latter part of August and we'll be in a better position to determine exactly what we'll be able to do with the money we have. I want to ensure everyone that there will be no additional assessment for the golf course. We have saved money over several years and have sufficient funds to do the irrigation, the greens, and hopefully the tee boxes. If you look online, you will see a master plan for the golf course. This was our original plan and was the concept of our architect. We will be able to do some of these things but we do not have the money to do everything that's listed on the master plan. Please remember this is a work in progress and we will have to make changes as we go to live within our budget.
- As to the timeline that was published in the Happenings this is a very aggressive timeline and it is our goal to meet these deadlines. However, we cannot control the weather and the weather may add additional cost and may force us to change some of our plans. We'll do everything we can to get as good a golf course as possible with the amount of money that we have. I am

working very closely with the architect, our irrigation consultant, our golf staff, and the golf committee to ensure we get the best product possible with the funds that we have. I will update my chairman's notes as we go through the summer. Then after we get the project started, I will let you know where we stand and any changes that we have made.

- Some of you may have noticed that we are doing some clearing on the golf course to remove Brazilian peppers which are very invasive and need to be removed.

We are still working on several other projects and have completed some.

- The drainage issues at 295 Plantation have been corrected and that work is complete.
- We are still working on Hobbyland and hopefully that project will be complete by July 31.
- The 2023 road project has been completed and looks very good. This year's project cost us approximately \$164,000 for just less than a mile. Over the next several years we'll be doing more road projects. As information, we have 13.4 miles of roadway.
- As you are aware, The Blue Heron has been closed all week for maintenance. It will reopen on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch carefully for emails and other notifications concerning specials at The Blue Heron. Please consider coming by to support our restaurant.

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Chairman