

**MINUTES OF RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Recreational Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on February 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. with the following present;

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Logan Moser, Kelcie Hartley-Wolfe

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Brett Russell, Lana Johnston, Samantha Aispuro, Paul Rinkel, Don Miller, Doyle Kinney, Bo Vowell, Billy Goodwin, Julie Caldwell, Coleen Ackley, Ronnie Ackley, Jason Hulin, Kent Miller, Rod Serfoss, Tyler Wolfe, Doris Scarlett, and others.

Bo Vowell, Cumberland Presbyterian Church opened the meeting with prayer and Don Miller, Post Commander. American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022
- B. Consider Claims

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva that Consent Agenda Items be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEN NO. 3 -DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTIO
REGARDING:**

- A. Management Services Agreement Between the Clinton Recreational**

Authority, an Oklahoma Public Trust, & the City of Clinton, an Oklahoma Municipal Corporation and West Texas Turf, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company.

Mayor Berrong stated that we have an agreement for review and possible approval and asked City Manager Johnston to comment on how we got to this decision point.

City Manager Johnston stated that for almost two years we have been in search by local advertising and word of mouth for an experienced maintenance superintendent for Riverside Golf Course. Riverside is a large investment which needs to be maintained to a high standard requiring deeper knowledge and experience than many of us have with our own yards or gardens. Last summer, as requested by the Golf Advisory Board, we also advertised for the position on TurfNet a nationwide golf organization's job board. The only response to that job notice was from West Texas Turf, LLC, which presently manages the "The Greens of Altus" golf course southwest of here and a couple in Texas. After meeting with Mike Painter of West Texas Golf in October, it was agreed that both potential partners had due diligence to complete before any serious discussions were in order. Johnston continued with a targeted search of potential superintendents and other golf course management companies which bore no fruit.

Mike Painter made several visits to Riverside and the community, meeting with Kent Miller and the Riverside employees, looked at our equipment, our financials and asked more than a few questions which were guided by his many years of experience. Ultimately in November Painter asked if we were ready to see a proposal and was told that we would consider whatever he submitted without ceasing other local efforts to find the right person for the job.

West Texas Turf submitted their written proposal around Christmas 2021. The proposal was immediately provided to the Golf Advisory Board and golf pro Kent Miller for their review. Working around the holidays, the weather and some illnesses, the Golf Advisory Board, Kent Miller, Ronnie Ackley, Matt Evans had a conference call with Painter in mid-January to ask him questions about his proposal. Following that conversation, their recommendation to the Recreational Authority was to give the proposal a very close look due its merit.

Mr. Painter then presented the proposal to the Recreation Authority and City Council via Zoom at a Special Meeting on January 26, 2022. As a result of that presentation and discussion, the City Manager and City Attorney Meacham were instructed to do their best to come to contract terms with Painter in the best interests of the Riverside Golf Course, its members and the community at large which financially supports the facility. Due to the upcoming growing season, today's meeting was targeted for approval, effective 3/1/22. After several emails and telephone calls, a written agreement which Painter says he will sign was received and provided to those in the audience and the Trustees.

Chairman Berrong then gave each Trustee the opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed agreement. Johnston and Meacham confirmed that, the Golf Advisory Board's responsibilities remain intact, and that the Authority and the Council will still review and approve the budget, capital expenditures, membership fees and related golf course matters. This is not a lease nor sale it is a management agreement which gives Painter's company the opportunity to provide recommendations & requests, but it cannot make substantial changes without approval from the Authority/Council. City Attorney Meacham stated that the contract was good to approve for content, however there is minor formatting to clean up on the agreement as presented tonight.

The motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva to approve the Management Services Agreement Between the Clinton Recreational Authority, an Oklahoma Public Trust, & the City of Clinton, an Oklahoma Municipal Corporation and West Texas Turf, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4:

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman

