

Fulton Country Club
Board Meeting
Minutes – March 23, 2026

Board Members present: Rod Decker, Doug Schmidt, Mark Regenwether, Lori Kennedy, Steve Dopson, Tim Swarmberger, Dave Steiner, Terry Dellit, Ryan Richter and Troy Hartman.

President, Rod Decker called the meeting to order at 6:09.

Minutes from November 17, 2025 were read. Doug Schmidt made the motion to approve these minutes as read. Lori Kennedy seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Financial Report ending December 2025 and February 2026 were read by Troy Hartman. Dave Steiner made the motion to approve the Financials as read. Doug Schmidt seconded the motion. Financial report approved.

Committee Reports:

Grounds and Greens—*James gave the Board a tour of his work shed before the meeting started.*

Course maintenance has begun. James reported that the Club House will open March 30, 2026. Flags and cups will be put out on Monday, March 30th. Getting the mats and driving range set up next week. There are three college students returning. Cleared up tree line on three and four and two green; mowed putting green, rolling & spraying greens, irrigation boxes installed, etc. Maintenance on equipment being done. Priority list – holes 7, 8 and 3 (growing grass on tee boxes). James asked about placement of senior tee boxes on 9; moving it to Men's tee boxes. Discussion.

Doug Schmidt reported that James changed oil on rental carts and the carts are ready to go for the season; will be getting a battery for one cart yet.

Rod Decker reported that Floyd Steines suggested that on hole two instead of creating a bunker, create a mound with thicker grass for a little bit of a challenge. It was recommended to plant two trees east of the cart path on two. James received information for construction of a bunker.

Liaison between High School and the Board – Chuck Wiebenga reported on high school regulations. There will be 6 or 7 home meets. They will have a High School meet manager as a contact person during scheduled home meets. Another topic discussed was to suspend ALL alcohol sales from 4:00 to time the course closes to be in guidelines with the ISHA policy. Spectators can not take alcohol onto the course but can stay in the club house. School administrators do not have a problem with how it has been run. Another topic—do we suspend dress code ONLY for high school meets? Motion made by Steve Dopson to suspend the dress code during high school meets ONLY. Doug Schmidt seconded.

Mr. Parsons, High School Principal and AD expressed his gratitude for this Board and what the Club has given the golf team; he is also checking into display plaques or board displaying golfers who have gone to state, regionals and sectionals that can be displayed at FCC.

Rod questioned the flags but no sticks. The Board asked if the high school could purchase nine sticks (\$200-\$300). Mark Regenwether suggested that James and the high school combine orders for sticks to get a better price.

Rod continued discussion –HS golf season starts August 10th; we allow the golf team to use range balls Monday-Friday. Doug Schmidt and Tim Swamberger led the discussion.

Bar and Pro Shop

Doug Schmidt – Club House opens Monday; got their new storage rooms; put a set of lockers in the Women's restroom.

Sports

Tim Swamberger will run the tournaments; Couple nights, etc.

Buildings

Terry Dellitt – Club house doors need some attention.

Old Business:

Rod led discussion - Range Mat (turf) – American Greens down in Bettendorf. 6 x 80 piece; 5-year warranty, no maintenance, all glued down in one piece. Estimated cost \$12,700. Possible installment date – May. A motion was made by Mark Regenwether to purchase new range mat; it was seconded by Steve Dopson.

Continued old business – Rod questioned fence removal on Hole #8 (across the bridge). James' suggestion to just remove it; take the railing off and rope it off; Insurance liability; A.J. Bud Wiersema memorial. No next of kin.

At November meeting it was discussed to host a Junior Kids Tournament. Open to Public. Give prizes (trophies or flags). Advertise at local golf clubs and on our website. Youngest kids can play – 8 years old. Tim and Chuck will get a date scheduled and report back in April.

Deadline for Membership Dues was discussed (March 1st/31st); if past due a \$50 fee will be assessed. Reminder calls were made. To date there are five unpaid memberships. We had 10 new memberships open up. Rod called 12 people and got 10 yeses.

Hole Sponsors are up for renewal this year. They pay \$300 for each sponsorship. FCC will pay for the new signs for new sponsors.

New Business:

Doug Schmidt went to M & M Golf Carts in the Quad Cities; 2020 used golf carts - \$3,500 @ piece; 2021 used golf carts (w/windshields and two sand bottles) - \$4,300 @ piece (gas). No minimum purchase necessary. Would be replacing four of our carts. Doug needs to let them know Tuesday, 3/24 if we are interested – carts are all placed down in Missouri. Tim Swamberger questioned if M & M would take a trade-in; Doug said they would not take Yamaha in on trade. We'd have to advertise on club house bulletin board and website. 3 are 2002 and 2 are 2004. Rod asked if we should get second bid from Harris in Dubuque. We've done business with both businesses. Mark Regenwether thinks that we should get two bids; Dave Steiner made a motion to get two quotes; Lori seconded. Motion passed.

Lights in maintenance shed not working; do we get Leslie over her for a bid in both rooms or ask members who are electricians. Whatever you want to do, something needs to be done. Should have

a restroom with running water; to do so would have to run a line from the parking lot. Rod will talk to members-Doug will talk to Leslie. LED lights are highly recommended.

Ryan Richter questioned the 5-some rule. Discussion.

Lori discussed the possibility of a handicap parking spot closer to the club house. Rod is checking into this; who painted the parking lot? Two years ago parking lot was seal coated and striped.

Mark Regenwether invited everyone to go outside on the deck to see what needs to be done to the patio area. Shading of the patio Mark's wife, Becky has decided to make a memorial in her son's name Jake Groebel.

Next month's meeting April 27th. Dave Steiner made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. with Tim Swamberger second it.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Kennedy, Secretary