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MEMO TO: Sara Knizhnik, Chair
Operations Committee

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Update on ThunderHawk Golf Club equipment purchases.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability, Leadership, Public Access & Connections

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no net financial impact at this time. The FY2026 golf budget includes \$253,000.00 for equipment replacements at ThunderHawk Golf Club (account 83104100-806000). That budget was originally indicated during the budget preparation and approval process to be for the purchase of three specific pieces of equipment. Staff now intends to purchase five different pieces of equipment. The total anticipated cost of the new equipment is expected to be under the budget and not require a budget amendment.

BACKGROUND: During the FY2026 budget preparation and approval process for ThunderHawk Golf Club, \$253,000.00 was included in the budget for the purchase of two fairway mowers and a fairway turf aerator attachment. Since that time, golf staff, including the new Golf Course Superintendent at ThunderHawk, have reevaluated the condition of the existing equipment and maintenance goals, and determined that the condition of the two primary fairway mowers is satisfactory and those units do not need immediate replacement. Instead, golf staff recommend and intend to purchase other equipment pieces that will increase operating efficiency and focus on the playability and health of the turf. Those pieces are listed below with the estimated purchase prices.

- (1) Fairway aerator attachment - \$52,000.00
- (1) Electric greens roller - \$58,000.00
- (1) Fairway topdresser attachment - \$53,000.00
- (1) Fairway verticutter attachment - \$24,000.00
- (1) Greens attachment unit with (3) groomers - \$18,000.00

It is expected that total cost of these pieces of equipment (estimated to be \$205,000.00) will not exceed the budget amount (\$253,000.00). Since each of these equipment purchases is also expected to be under the \$60,000.00 threshold that warrants review and approval by the Board, staff is providing this update for information to the Operations Committee.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Manager of Board Operations, and Corporate Counsel.