



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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Certification of Tribal Council Action Special Session of April 24, 2024

I hereby certify as the Tribal Council Secretary that the foregoing Motion was Approved and Adopted at the Special Session of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Tribal Council

Disc Golf Course Location

Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Swallows and Supported by Tribal Council Secretary Marshall to rescind the previous Motion to change the location, and to put it out for a 30-day posting.

6-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSENT; 0-ABSTAINING

Motion Carries


Theresa M. Marshall, GTB Tribal Council Secretary

CC: Donna Swallows, Tribal Council Treasurer; NRD

TRIBAL COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

This Original agenda request must have all original materials pertaining to it attached.

Agenda Topic/Title: Disc Golf Course Location

Requested/Presented by: Donna Swallows, Tribal Councilor

If required, all signed documents will be returned the above individual who is responsible to complete with the appropriate offices at GTB-OCI.

Regular Session Special Session Emergency Session
Date: _____ Date: 4/24/24 Date: _____

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4-12-24

Placement on Agenda:

Unfinished Business New Business Closed Session

Action Requested:

Approval by Motion Information Only
 Resolution Approval # _____ Other (please specify)

Was a Work Session held for this Agenda Request? (date) _____ No

Do you have a past resolution: No Yes, (please attach)

Do you have a past motion: No Yes, (please attach)

Rationale/Explanation: (use second sheet as needed for clarification and attach all appropriate materials prior to submission to the Tribal Manager's Office.

Purpose:

Review of motion based upon Tribal Members input on course relocation.

Outcome Requested:

1. Motion to rescind February 21, 2024 motion approving disc golf course location change.
2. Motion for 30 day posting.

Attached signed legal review form Attached signed CFO review form Legal/CFO review not applicable

Signatures: Donna Swallows Date: 4-12-24

Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Division Manager: [Signature] Date: 4-12-24

Please ensure that ALL proper and correct documents are attached prior to obtaining the TM signatures.

Tribal Manager: Rebecca Oci Date: 4/12/2024
Signature of TM needed before this Agenda Request can be added to the TC Agenda

Tribal Council Directive Issued:
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Certification of Tribal Council Action Regular Session of February 21, 2024

I hereby certify as the Tribal Council Secretary that the foregoing Motion was Approved and Adopted at the Regular Session of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Tribal Council

NREC Report

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Member Rohl to reaffirm the NREC Motion made at the NREC Regular Session of February 8, 2024 approving the disc golf course location change, pending an alteration to the map

3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 2-ABSENT (Frankenberger, Marshall); 1-ABSTAINING (Kewaygoshkum)

Motion Carries

Theresa M. Marshall, GTB Tribal Council Secretary

- Bay Shore Steel Works (BSSW) Gross Revenues were approximately \$831,000 compared with \$753,000 in prior year
- BSSW Net Income was a loss of approximately \$188,000 compared to a loss of approximately \$317,000 in prior year
- BSSW has been issued \$265,000 in Purchase Orders from Walter Reed for additional DAS work
- BSSW will be completing the installation of 2 EV charging stations in Georgia over the next few weeks
- Grand Traverse Engineering and Construction (GTEC) Gross Revenues were approximately \$1,524,000 compared with \$711,000 in prior year
- GTEC Gross Profit was approximately \$185,000 compared with \$101,000 in prior year
- GTEC Net Income was approximately \$55,133 compared with \$2,035 in prior year
- The audit should be completed by the end of March 2024

6. Natural Resources & Environmental Committee Report-Councilor *Brian Napont*

Councilor Napont presented the NREC Report. The NREC last met virtually via Zoom on Thursday, February 8, 2024. He stated he was on personal travel and did not attend this meeting. NREC Vice Chair Tina Frankenberger had officiated in his absence. There was one Motion that needed to be reaffirmed from the NREC Regular Session of February 8, 2024. The motion was to approve the disc golf course location change, pending a change to the map.

Treasurer Swallows noted there was nothing provided in Boardpaq regarding this. Councilor Napont stated the disc golf course location change has been a topic of discussion at the last two NREC Regular Sessions, and although he was not in attendance, he is confident the decision was vetted by those who it will impact most, which includes GTB members who will use the course, GTB Members who use Strongheart, and hunters.

Councilor Napont noted there is a Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, February 22.

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Motion Carries

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
Natural Resources & Environmental Committee
Regular Session
Agenda
Thursday, February 8th, 2024
9:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting ZOOM ID: 506 742 0429
Dial-in Phone Number: 301 715 8592
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AGENDA

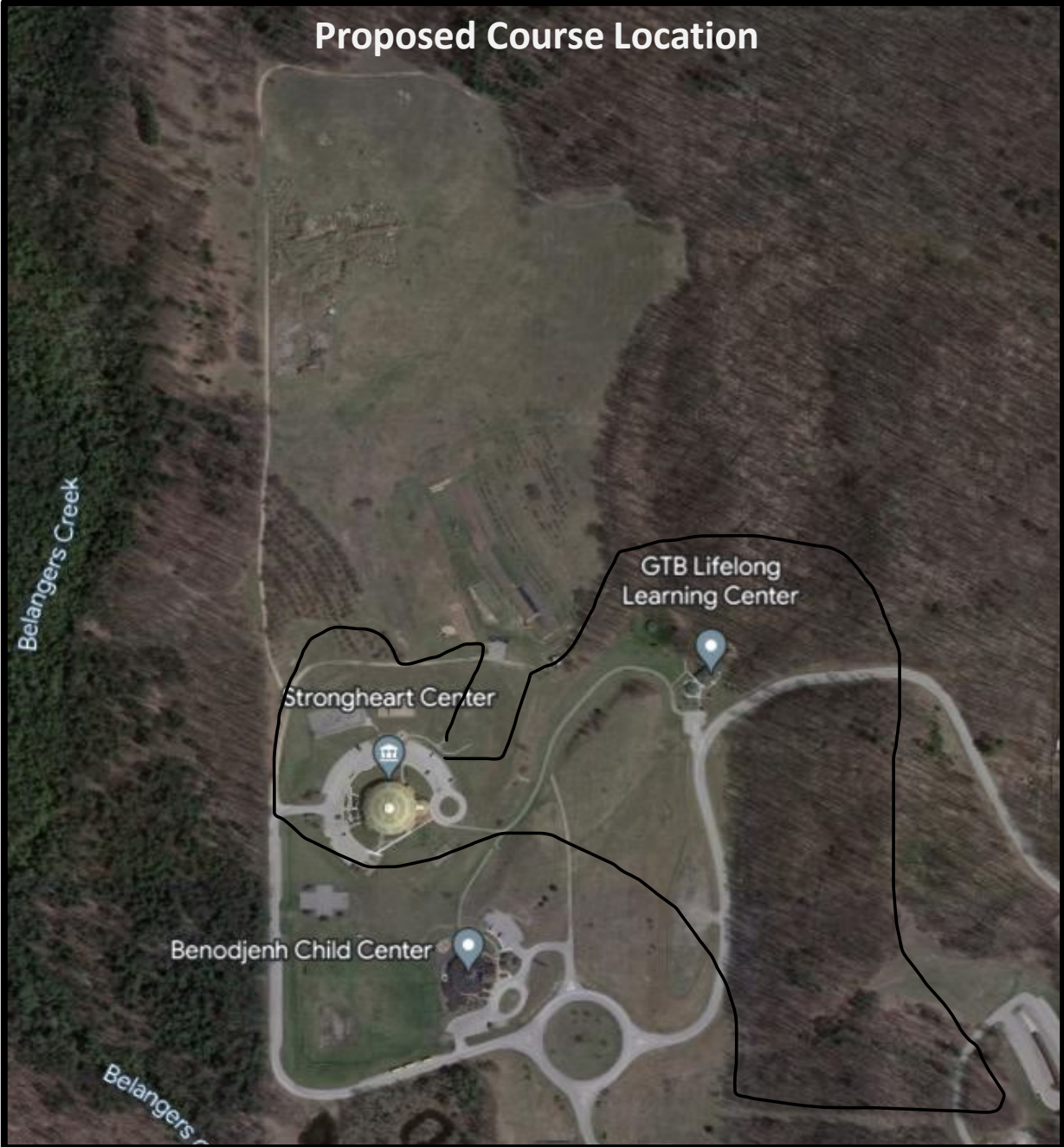
- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Additions/Deletions to agenda
 - C. Minutes
 - D. Staff Reports
 1. NREC Chairman Report
 2. Department Manager Report
- II. New Business
 1. Consumer's Energy Hydropower Succession Planning Update- B.Fessell/N.Louchouart
PowerPoint presentation
 2. ~~Disc Golf Course Location Change- S. Feringa & W. Derouin~~
Requesting Motion
- III. Old Business
 - A. 1836 Treaty Inland Rights/2007 Consent Decree Issues
 - B. 1836 Treaty Great Lakes Fisheries/2000 Consent Decree Issues
 - C. GTB Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Dept Update- W. Derouin
 1. PowerPoint presentation
- IV. Tabled Items
- V. Open Forum
- VI. Closed Session
- VII. Adjournment
 - Next Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

Proposed 2024 GTB Disc Golf Course Location Change

Current Course Location



Proposed Course Location



New Business A. Consumer's Energy Hydropower... Naomi Louchouarn... continued...

Asking a lot of local communities what they'd like to do and if they can afford to keep them/run them.

Most local communities like to keep the Dams that have homes around Dams for the ponds but unfortunately, very few can afford to keep them.

They're trying to get more community input.

We met with them (their communications team), LTBB, and LRB a couple of weeks prior.

They would like to get input on what Tribal citizens would like to see happen to the Dams:

- what their opinions are.
- and what the Tribal Governments feel about them.

Final decisions on the dams need to be made by mid-2025.

- Already starting RFPs for buyers for the dams.
 - o Only looking at proposals from potential buyers who want to relicense them.

It seems surprising who may want to do it based on the cost numbers, but it sounds like they have a few interested buyers already.

If any of those don't work out, then they'll start entertaining proposals from people who want to decommission or remove the dams.

Erik Olsen: For anyone that would want to buy the dams, they're still obligated to restore it/fix it and have all those additional costs, they can't just carry on "as-is", correct?

Naomi Louchouarn: Yes.

The consumers would like to bring together smaller groups of interested stakeholders to start to discuss what to do and for consumers to get input.

We were hoping to set up one of these smaller groups with other Tribal governments like LTBB, GTB, and any other tribes in the area that may want to take part.

A specific webpage/presentation is provided for those in surrounding communities, potential buyers/purchasers with even more information.

(PRESENTATION @ 9:20 a.m.)

B. Disc Golf Course Location Change – S. Feringa and W. Derouin @9:36 a.m.

Requesting a Motion to approve the change (attachment with NREC packet).

Discussions:

- Disc Golfers and Hunters.
 - o #1 Safety concern – Biggest concern.
 - Bright orange gear.
- Disc Golfers and Deer.

New Business B. Disc Golf Course Location Change... S. Feringa... continued...

- Time frame and popularity of the game.
 - Management.
- Deer Population and Deer Routine.
 - "Wildlife corners".
- William "Bill" Fowler wanted to be transparent that his son is a Disc Golfer at the top level of Novis, trying to get into the pro ranks. Even as an avid hunter himself, Bill does support the course relocation.
- Steve Feringa added the same sentiments also.

This new course relocation will include a check-in (simple sign-in sheet) at the Strongheart Center for all Disc Golfers. The course will also include disc golfing hours. All of these are more so for safety reasons and strategized with the help from Tylus Francisco who is a part of GTB Fire and Safety.

The new change should take place no later than July.

@9:50 a.m.

Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the relocation of the GTB Disc Golf Course in 2024 to the area outlined in the attached map by NREC Member Jeremy Rice and supported by NREC Member Steve Feringa at the February 8th, 2024, NREC Regular Session Meeting.

9-FOR, 0-AGAINST, 0-ABSTAIN, 1-ABSENT (Kira Davis)

Motion Carries

III. Old Business

A. 1836 Inland Treaty Rights/2007 Consent Decree Issues

@9:53 a.m.

Elk - Sean Leask

On the 29th, Dan and Sean met with the DNR and some of the other Tribes.

- DNR is possibly changing some of their Elk regs.
 - They'll be implementing online reporting because they were so short-staffed.
- Possibly changing Elk seasons:
 - Running from late September through October.
 - Possibly get rid of the December season.
 - Doug Craven had expressed to Sean that if the DNR seriously considers getting rid of our December season then we may have to go back and look at the Elk section of the 2007 Consent Decree and make sure it stays on for our Elk hunters.

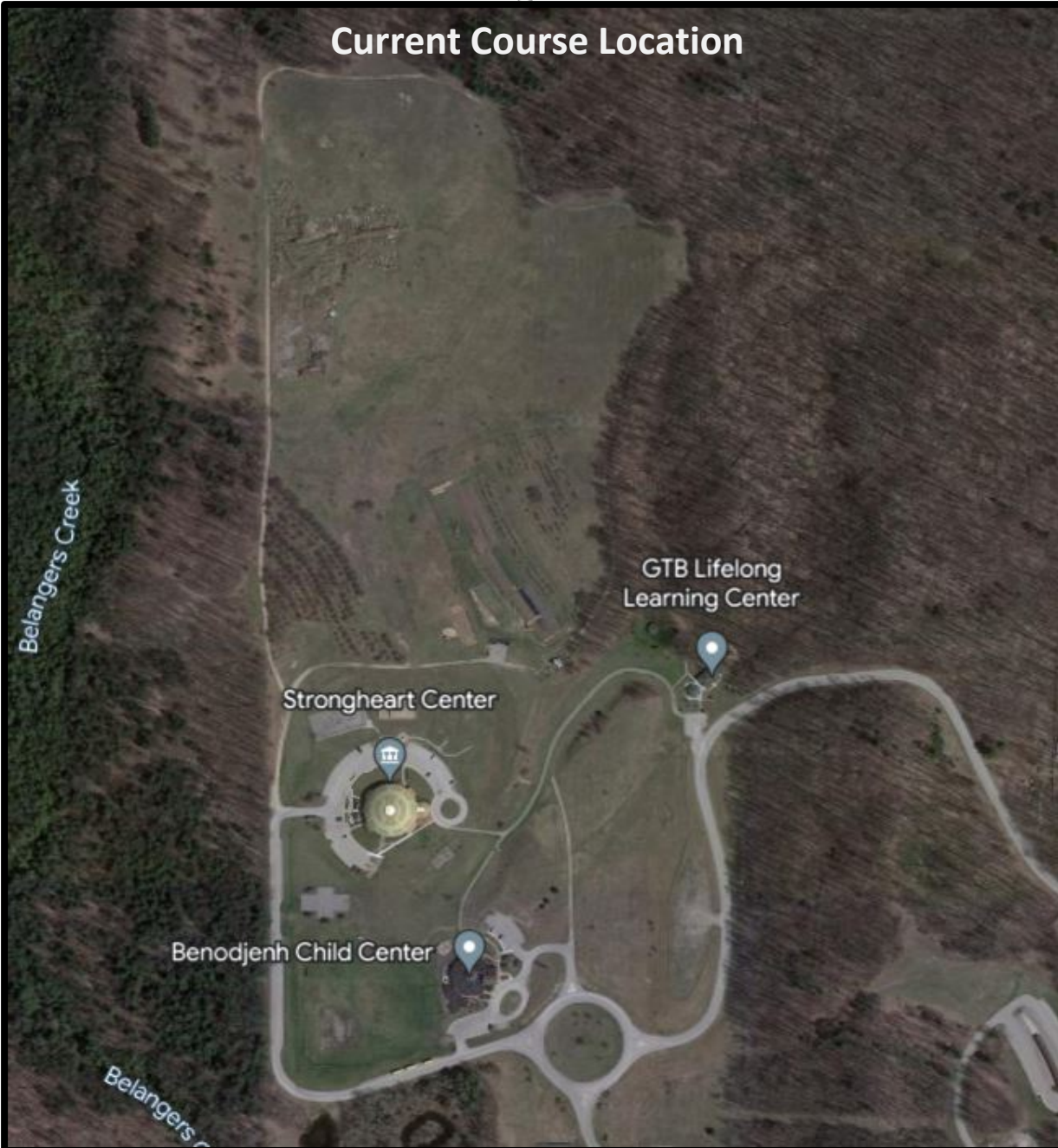
B. 1836 Treaty Great Lakes Fisheries/2023 Decree Issues

@10:02 a.m.

Change the Title of this item.

Proposed 2024 GTB Disc Golf Course Location Change

Current Course Location



Proposed Course Location



Course History

- The 1st disc golf course was installed prior to 2019 by Bill Fowler. This course ran in a similar area as the proposed new course location.
- The current disc golf course that is being considered to be moved to a new location was installed in 2021.
- The course has grown in popularity and has been more well maintained with use of GTB Agriculture and Facilities Management tractor mowers.
- Tylus Fransisco; GTB Firefighter, spearheaded a tournament that was held at the disc golf course in 2023 which had 60 participants.

Reasons For Moving The Course

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- Risk Management of non-GTB visitors freely roaming on GTB land without checking in or following hours of operation. No mandatory check-in is required currently.
- Course participants not observing orange requirements and not observing posted course hours
- Mixed use of this site to include hunting has not been possible as disc players are out all hours in a well know easy access hunt area for GTB members and particularly people with limited mobility. This new (2021) course location has reduced hunter participation in this area.
- The Balenger Creek area is a vital corridor for deer and other wildlife, humans in this area all season may affect wildlife movement through this natural area
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Current Course Location

- Holes 1, 2, 10, and 18
can remain as-is for
course change



New Proposed Course Approximate Location



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NREC Regular Session 2/8/24-New Business B-Disc golf location change

Will Derouin- we discussed this in depth last month- a recap on what we touched on last month- proposed 2024 disc golf course location change is in your packet (page 3)- what went along with that is an agreement that we will consult with Strongheart staff and some of the disc golf community, including Tylus Fransisco, who is with the GTB fire Department. Tylus helped to coordinate the disc golf tournament that took place in 2023....

The map that's provided on page 3 really gives a rough location of this. what we're looking for is just a motion to approve this change, and then, again, we're going to move forward with staff from Strongheart, Tylus, and some engagement with the community to place the exact holes.

Again, recapping from last month, there's a number of reasons why we're making this change, but the primary one is to try to help hunter access in the area; in particular, hunters with limited mobility. We thought having the farm right there, we have the farm implements and tools to be able to maybe provide food plots, or maintenance of the apple trees that are around here, to make it so it continued to be good hunting for folks, and particularly folks with limited mobility, in this back field area. If anyone has any questions I'd be happy to help answer.

Pete Deverney- I have a question- I was wondering, why couldn't they put- almost like a season on it-maintain the whole thing except for certain season- like October, they shut off part of it, and just use the other part. That seems like it would solve some of the problems with the hunting issues. I was wondering why couldn't put- (for example) Memorial day, or whenever you open it, up until October. And then that wouldn't interfere with the hunters. Or the end of September, or whenever. And then just use the smaller course.

Will D- I appreciate that consideration. We did try to have some signage up trying to close the course and asking people to wear hunter orange this year. We struggled to get folks to wear hunter orange and to follow the time slots. The deer get patterned, they get used to people being in there early morning and late at night, and this is just what I've heard from hunters, is they just don't go back in there anymore. Because these disc golfers are out until late into the evening. And so by allowing a period of, I would say from July on, what we're looking at is to try to execute this move by July- it would allow the area and the deer to get back into a normal pattern. Again, the main reason for bringing this up is there's limited hunting access on tribal grounds. This was a popular site for a handful of the Elders, and by allowing limited access from July on, it could allow the deer to filter back into there in the evenings and allow for hunters to access it. Steve, do you want to add anything else?

Steve Feringa- That was my biggest concern with the disc course was the safety for- getting the disc golf players to wear something bright or orange. When I hunted back there, I could hear them going through the woods, but I couldn't see them. That was the biggest thing for me, if they could just wear hunter orange or something bright, so we can see any hunters in there. The deer are pretty much nocturnal, because the disc golfers love that course, or any course- they'll play from sunup to

sundown, right up til dark. I figured they could stop at 4:00 and then the hunters could be out there in the evening until dark- that's not the case. Disc golf players will play right up until dark, and then they'll play- as long as they can walk and the snow's not too deep, they'll play. Those disc golf players like to play so, I don't know how we could implement a time frame. I think that would be difficult, just for the popularity of it. Even though a time frame is a good idea, I don't know how you would manage that. So, I think this is a great solution, to move them out of the cedars, which is that wildlife corridor, and move them out away from that, maybe that will settle things down a bit and make it better for the hunters to see deer during the daytime.

Will D- thank you Steve, I appreciate you bringing that up, that was something that Dan in Inland also mentioned, is that when this disc golf course was moved in 2021, there weren't considerations for- this course goes right down to Ballenger creek. Dan and the Inland team expressed how it's a real heavy wildlife corridor, lots of wildlife moving through there. So if we could just get the disc golfers away from there, it could open up some really good hunting access.

(brief discussion ongoing about how popular the disc golf course is)

Will D- this proposal that we're looking for a Motion on, it's going to include a check in for disc golfers at Strongheart center. It's going to include hours for the disc golf course- that came from Tylus Francisco, he's part of GTB Fire and public safety. He just wants to know if there's GTB members, non-GTB members walking around on tribal grounds, it would be nice to know as far as a safety issue who's all out there, just in case there is a problem back in the woods or something. Folks will be asked to check in, it will be a simple sign in sheet at the front of Strongheart. Should be no extra burden for Strongheart staff. Again, executing this change by July

Jeremy Rice- What has changed from the last meeting when we were talking about this? How come we're talking about it today?

Will D- We were asked if we would provide a briefing on it last month and then see how everybody felt about it. If there's a general consensus that it was a good move, we'd be asking for a motion to approve this move this month. It was kind of almost like a work session last month, and now we're presenting it for a motion to approve.

Jeremy- There's nothing changed from the last meeting, correct? Towards the new course location?

Will D- Yeah exactly, this is the same map that we had-

Jeremy- I have one question. I don't know where you start or begin on that place but-I saw a line going next to the swamp in the road on the other side of the ball field. How far does that go into the wetlands there?

Will D- that would be the new course, that has not been started yet. That's a good consideration.

Jeremy- I saw the red line that goes the whole length of the road. It would be on the west side of the road.

Will D- it would be on the west side of the roundabout going up toward Eagle View—I'm sorry, the east side of the road. You're saying on the west side of the road, north of Medicine Lodge

Jeremy- yeah- I don't know if it starts up by you, works around, and then ends down by the road. I was just curious, how is the end, if that's the end?

Will D- Hole #1 is on the northeast side of Strongheart. It would wrap around to be next to the ponds that you're mentioning, or kind of hug that road there. Was there just a concern about how close it was to the ponds, or?

Jeremy- No, how far into the woods does it go there, on the east side of the road?

Will D- It doesn't go anywhere there right now, that's the proposed location.

Jeremy- Yeah, that's what I'm talking about. The proposed location.

Will- we haven't marked out where all the Tee's exactly, or the holes are going to go. We just wanted to circle an area showing where this course could fit all 18 holes.

Jeremy- I would make a motion for it today. Just as long as it doesn't go too far into that swamp on the west side of Strongheart way.

Will- Absolutely. I appreciate that. Maybe a note could be made of that, we could have it pending an alteration to this map, keeping that line, hugging it a little closer to the road, (inaudible)

Steve- And this would be a recommendation to Tribal Council to do this

Jeremy- Yes, correct. But if you're looking for a motion from us, I would make that Motion today.

Tina- Motion by Jeremy, is there support for that motion?

Steve- I'll support

All in favor, 1 absent (Kira Davis). Motion passes

Tina- for when this goes to Council for a supporting vote, I would just like the information, if staff could get this to me, when changes were made in the past, because I can't recall. We did make changes, I don't remember what year you just said, Will, (2021) but did that go to Council for a vote and through NREC- was there actually a vote, or was it just talked about and then moved on without actual official motion?

Steve- I don't think there were any Motions previously

Will- That's my understanding too, it was moved in 2021, and with no Motion was my understanding.

*Transcriptionist's Note: the following notes are an unofficial transcription of the NREC Regular Session 1/11/2024 New Business item 2-Disc Golf Course/Proposed Re-Route. This unofficial transcription has not been approved by NREC Motion or certified.

NREC Regular Session-January 11, 2024

II. New Business.2- Disc Golf Course/Proposed Re-Route

Steve Feringa- this topic is in discussion only at this point, to see where everyone feels like moving forward with this.

Will Derouin- showing powerpoint presentation. Proposed course location change includes input from Leanne Alber, Strongheart director and Tylus Fransisco, GTB Fire dept.

*correction to course History: Bill fowler had installed a dirt bike course, which allowed for a path that CJ McGrath was able to install a course on. Dan Mays in GTB Inland Biology helped to provide input on the wildlife resources impacted, and Steve Feringa spoke during NREC about the impact to this site as a historical site for hunters and in the community.

Current disc golf course that is considered to be moved was installed at its current location in 2021

Reasons for moving the course: (please see powerpoint for complete list) current site is a popular hunting area; mixed use of this site to include hunting has not been possible and frustrations from hunters have been expressed; many courses move their holes periodically; Balenger creek area is a vital corridor for wildlife; new course was installed without land use approval, or permits to dig holes and clear trees near Balenger creek; risk management of non-GTB visitors freely roaming on GTB land without checking in/registering

Hunting is legal 150 yards from Strongheart

Holes 1, 2, 10, and 18 could stay where they currently are and likely have no impact to hunting

Please see powerpoint for maps for current and proposed locations

Committee discussion of disc golf course follows

Kira Davis- Leanne, do you see any potential issues with the course location change as Strongheart supervisor? Is the proposed course sufficient for the sport?

Leanne- I'm reaching out to the avid players and gathering feedback on the proposed change, it doesn't impede on any future planning that Strongheart has, the immediate surrounding property, overall the players understand the reasoning behind the proposed change, and they are open to looking at a different course design. They have open minds about the course and the new design. The players I spoke to are considerate of the lands they play on. It's hard to enforce attendance of Non-GTB because Strongheart is open to the public. Discussed hours of operation. My perspective as Strongheart supervisor is to prioritize the natural use and the hunting rights of our ancestral lands. I think there's room to accommodate a new course.

No Motions; discussion only