

Anonymous backer funds project

FRONTENAC, Kan. — A golf course proposed here came a step closer to reality as an unnamed financier from Tennessee has agreed to fund the course. The course will cost between \$5.2 and \$5.3 million, significantly higher than the original estimate of \$3.5 million.

Southern Golf Development of Houston will build the course and Kansas Golf will manage the course on a lease agreement. After 15 years, the city would become owner of the course since it

will be located on city-annexed property.

The financial package has been finalized, with construction set to begin around May. Depending on the weather, construction would take about 16 months with a proposed completion date of 1995.

"The course will be certified by *Golf Digest* and could be ranked among the top 50 golf courses in the country," said a confident Jeff Gazaway of Kansas Golf Development.

WOLF RUN MAY OPEN BY JUNE OF '95

HENDERSON, Ky. — Preliminary plans for a 330-lot subdivision with an 18-hole golf course were approved by a committee drawn from the Henderson City and County Planning commissions. The project is proposed by Evansville developer Jim Adler, who told the committee that the Wolf Hills golf course "should be open in June of '95."

Council okays Dakota development

VERMILLION, S.D. — Both an 18-hole golf course and a 100-building residential site should be in place here by next year. The city council gave its unanimous approval to the \$3.4 million project in February.

"The city originally looked at 11 cites for the project and has chosen property owned by Dave Smith and Mark Quam," City Manager Jeff Pederson told the *Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan*. The council made the decision, Pederson said, using the results

of a feasibility study by THK Associates, Greenwood Village, Colo.

The new golf course will replace the current nine-hole municipal course, which will be sold by the city.

"Our target date for the golf course is mid- to late-1995," Pederson said. The city has been working with Rapid City course designer Pat Wyss.

The council has developed a financing package which is designed to cover the costs of the project. The package includes three parts: revenue from the golf course, such as green fees, will help pay for the course; revenue from lot sales will help pay off the debt; and the creation of a tax increment financing district will allow tax revenues to accrue over a number of years and help pay for the housing units.

The THK plan estimates the project will raise \$4.9 million over 15 years compared to the \$3.4 million expense.

State and federal agencies approve Superfund project

ANACONDA, Mont. — State and federal environmental agencies have signed off on a Superfund cleanup plan for this city's original smelter works area which allows for construction of a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course.

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County now has the major responsibility for regulating the site.

ARCO, the company held responsible for this federal Superfund site, plans to deed all 1,500 acres of the site to the county. In return for accepting the burden of monitoring and regulating the land, the city gets a golf course and the chance to bring commercial development to a former waste land.

Allowing a luxury golf course as a cap over mine tailings and other wastes signals a change in policy by the federal environmental protection agency. "This is the first in the nation," County Chief Executive Cheryl Beatty told the *Montana Standard*. "This is a major step because we are going to make wasteland into usable land for the future."

PENN. PROJECT UNVEILED

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, Pa. — A proposed housing development here would include 180 homes and an 18-hole golf course.

If everything goes smoothly, the golf course will be built in about two years and not used until the year after that, according to project engineer Alan Wright.



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