

Study Session Agenda Item Memo

From: Kristin Zimmerman, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director

Council Meeting: April 22, 2025

Subject: Edgebrook Golf Course Water Sourcing

Presenter: Kristin Zimmerman, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director

Summary and Recommended Action:

Staff will provide an update on the Edgebrook Water Sourcing Project.

Item Details:

Edgebrook Golf Course has experienced reduced water collection due to drought years and shifting water tables. The City hired a consultant in 2023 to look at options for a sustainable water source for the Edgebrook Golf Course.

In 2024, the City of Brookings explored several water-sourcing alternatives identified for Edgebrook Golf Course in collaboration with Banner Associates. These included:

- Connecting to the BMU Raw Water Line
- Developing a well south of the golf course
- Connecting to existing wells at South Brook
- Tapping into the BMU-treated water line

After thoroughly analyzing each option's feasibility, environmental implications, and long-term sustainability, the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department recommends connecting to the BMU Raw Water Line. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board supports this recommendation. This solution presents the course with the most reliable and cost-effective long-term water source. The total projected construction cost for this connection is estimated at \$1,276,530.

Navigating the complexities of the Edgebrook Water Sourcing Project requires a holistic approach that balances financial considerations, sustainability goals, and environmental stewardship. Through rigorous assessments, stakeholder engagement, and informed decision-making, the City is committed to developing a water-sourcing strategy that meets our community's needs while safeguarding our natural resources for future generations.

Legal Consideration:

None

Financial Consideration:

Funds are available for the project, and an initial \$800,000 is budgeted from the capital improvement fund.

Supporting Documentation:

Presentation