

MD West ONE Sports Complex Construction Update

ELKHORN, NE, November 19, 2021 – Construction on the MD West ONE Sports Complex is moving forward and groundbreaking for the complex is planned for Spring of 2022. The MD West ONE Sports Complex will be located on 142 acres of land in Valley, NE located near 264th and Ida Streets.

Elkhorn Athletic Association is excited to announce that many Nebraska based companies will be involved in the building and design of the new complex. By selecting and working with all Nebraska based companies this project will provide a sense of pride and community for EAA and everyone involved.

“One of the many things that I love about being part of building a community-based regional destination facility like the MD West ONE Sport Complex is the intersection of community leaders and businesses that are all working together to leave a legacy for generations to come. It's inspiring when you have so many fantastic Nebraska companies leading in the community committing their time, talent or treasures to this project,” said Bruce O'Neel, EAA's Executive Director. “Amazing organizations like MD West One, Lamp Rynearson, MCL Construction, Nemaha Sports Construction, Pinnacle Bank, Boys Town Pediatrics, General Fire and Safety, DJ's Dugout, Steier Group and Investors Realty. It doesn't take long to quickly identify similar characteristics in the leaders of these companies and how they are committed to enriching the lives of kids through sports and supporting their community. It makes me proud we moved our family back to Nebraska and it's what raising kids in the heartland is all about.”

Construction management for the complex has been awarded to MCL Construction, design and engineering services will be provided by Lamp Rynearson, and the field construction company will be Nemaha Sports Construction. As local industry leaders, MCL, Lamp Rynearson, and Nemaha bring an unmatched level of experience and expertise to the project.

“I have been so impressed with MCL Construction leadership starting with co-founder and President Bob Carlisle. You can see his leadership influence on everyone we have worked with on this project,” said Bruce O'Neel, EAA's Executive Director. “Having dedicated industry professionals believing in the vision is powerful. Everyone we have met has a pride of ownership in being part of MCL and understands the legacy this project will mean for our community. It's just awesome and humbling to have such passionate experts on this team” This state-of-the-art complex will be a signature destination facility for outdoor youth athletics and community recreation-- not just for Western Douglas County residents, but for the entire region. The MD West One Complex will help keep sports and tourism dollars in the state of Nebraska for regional youth sports tournaments.

“Nemaha is honored to be a part of a team of local community partners who all have the passion to deliver this complex,” said Jeff Emanuel, President of Nemaha Sports Construction. “We were drawn to this project because of the vision, leadership team, and everyone involved is doing it for the right reasons. The passion of everyone involved is going to create a synergy and delivery that's going to make this complex a destination place.”

Phase one of the project will include eight turf baseball/softball fields, six turf fields (Soccer/Football), a barrier-free field and infrastructure development of concession stands, restrooms facilities, parking for up to 2,500 vehicles and the civil engineering. Future phases will include additional multi-purpose fields and 8 more softball/baseball fields. The MD West ONE Sports Complex will also provide space for a wide range of year-round activities for individuals and families, such as walking paths, playgrounds, and picnic areas. EAA has secured and now owns the land, which is being financed by Pinnacle Bank. Plans for construction of the facility are scheduled to begin in 2022. The goals are to have Baseball, Softball, Football, and Soccer fields ready in the Spring 2023.

“Lamp Rynearson has a passion for being involved with youth sports and creating a place where children can come and perform, play, learn, and grow,” said Nancy Pridal, CEO of Lamp Rynearson.” Adding value to our community is important to us as a company and this sports complex will have a long term impact on the local community.”

ABOUT ELKHORN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Elkhorn Athletic Association (EAA) is a non-profit youth sports organization serving Western Douglas County and is dedicated to providing a safe, enjoyable, positive learning environment. We serve families with children of all ages and all skill levels from the community and across the region. We encourage and support the holistic development of every child, teach leadership and other essential skills, and inspire our athletes to seek excellence in all aspects of their lives. The Association has strong community ties that stretch back decades in service to young athletes and their families.

The association's roots started with the Elkhorn Soccer Club, founded in 1972 and Elkhorn Baseball Association, founded in 1975, Elkhorn Girls Softball Association founded in 1995, Tackle Football in 2015, Track & Field in 2020 and Cheerleading in 2021. EAA was co-founded in 2015 by Jason McDonald and Eric Crouch which currently serves over 4,800 athletes participating in baseball, softball, soccer, football, basketball, track and cheer.

Becoming a community pillar has been accomplished by encouraging parental involvement and providing professional staff and programs that provide developmental, recreational, and competitive experiences for area youth athletes. Our ongoing success will be determined by every individual's character, leadership, beliefs, passion, and commitment, resulting in a first-class youth sports organization.

ABOUT MCL CONSTRUCTION

MCL Construction is an Omaha based commercial construction company that has been around for over 30 years. MCL specializes in the construction of many building types including: healthcare, corporate offices, education, religious, athletics and recreation, and lifestyle and retail. A few notable MCL Construction Nebraska projects include: Methodist Women's Hospital, Lakeside Hospital, Nebraska Medicine Lauritzen Outpatient Center, Stone Creek Restaurant and Clubhouse, and Creighton Prep Leahy Stadium and Baseball Field.

ABOUT LAMP RYNEARSON

Lamp Rynearson is an Omaha based firm that has been around for over 60 year and has grown to over 170 professionals in Nebraska, Colorado, and Missouri. Lamp Rynearson's expertise is in civil engineering, survey, and landscape architecture. A few notable Lamp Rynearson Nebraska projects include: Buell Stadium Improvements, Papillon Community Center, Champions Run Splash Park, Heartwood Preserve Development, and Metro Community College Expansion.

ABOUT NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION

Over the last three decades, Nemaha Sports Construction has been designing and building sports venue facilities. Nemaha offers a variety of general contractor and sport construction services, with their expertise ranging from synthetic turf and natural grass fields to asphalt and post-tension running tracks and surfaces. A few notable Nemaha Nebraska projects include: Tom Osborne Field, Haymarket Park, TD Ameritrade Park, Beatrice Complex, and Ralston Complex. Nemaha has done the work on over 260 athletic venue projects from high school level to the NCAA.

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