

Groundbreaking held for 1st phase of sports complex

(KNZA)--A groundbreaking ceremony was held Sunday evening for phase one of the Hiawatha Championship Sports Complex project at Noble Park.

On hand for the ceremony to kick off the first phase of the three-phase complex, which is an indoor practice facility, were members of the Hiawatha Baseball and Softball Club Board, Hiawatha City Commission and community.

HBSC Board President Troy Kolb discussed the history of the project and their plans, which also include a new softball field and renovations to Paul Rockey Field.

He thanked the community for its support. Kolb also recognized the Hiawatha Community Foundation, saying fundraising for the project really kicked off with the Foundation's Match Days event in 2021, and additional funds were raised during this year's event. Kolb said more than \$200,000 has been raised so far for phase one and they are working to raise the remainder of the funding needed.

Kolb said Knudson Construction completed the dirt work last week for the 72-by 105-foot indoor practice facility. He estimated the facility would be completed by March 1st-- in time for spring practices. Kolb said the board would plan a dedication and open house at that time.

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