

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 16, 2021

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Ron Landphair, Colby Holmes and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Knapp, second by Holmes to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

The Board met with the following members of the Soil and Water Conservation Board to discuss county funding: Bill Daughton and Becky Taylor.
Also present: Alan Pennington

Taylor explained technicians from NRCS can bring cameras to scope the pipes of the watershed structures and assess any damage and repairs that may be needed. There are 41 structures of the West Fork that need assessed, Taylor said. Many of these are around 30 years old. Currently, the thought is there will be no charge for scoping the pipes. A letter would need to be prepared to the state office requesting use of the camera. Daughton said they are planning financially for future repairs and would like to see a long-term agreement between the county and the SWCCD. The Board is agreeable to a longer agreement, but would like to maintain a lower contribution rate, with the understanding, should a significant expense come up, the Board would address it at that time.

Holmes explained the goal of the Board was to slow the contribution rate, not eliminate the support. The group discussed the current goal of funding, currently set at \$150,000, questioning if that is enough. They wondered if it should be increased to \$200,000 or even eliminated as this amount of funding would not support the replacement of many pipes.

Pennington questioned whose responsibility it is to maintain watersheds. Daughton and Taylor said the responsibility does not fall to the landowner, however, many local farmers do help to maintain.

Daughton recommended a 5-year agreement with a contribution rate at \$.0675 per rural valuation with no contribution cap. The Board will prepare a proposed agreement and send to the SWCCD for review.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

ATTEST: 
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