

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

June 19, 2023

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, June 19, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor and Steve Knapp.

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

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Johnson reviewed equipment maintenance with the Board. There is a maintainer that he is sending to Browns for repairs. Knapp questioned the status of the remaining five. Johnson agreed that they should be looked at to ensure proper functionality.

Johnson reviewed a proposed project in Tingley Township, west of 290th ave., that is joint with Union County. It is a slab, concrete bridge. The project is scheduled to begin late this summer.

Johnson discussed the possibility of updating the department's survey equipment. The quote received from Seiler Geospatial earlier in the year is still good, he said. The equipment quoted is the same used by several entities in the area and will work great for the landscape in the county. Johnson plans to move forward with a FY24 purchase.

Keith Summerville is the Director a new program at Drake University called the Jay N. Darling Institute providing for rural sustainability. They have three chore objectives:

1. Attract students from rural Midwest and award fully funded scholarships to attend university in exchange for them moving to rural community and partner with local business to perform service that creates value within community. Identifying partnerships to provide housing comps so that is not an obstacle for the students and there is no cost to the county.
2. Enter talent pipelines based on the needs of the area. Some businesses in rural Iowa have expressed difficulties recruiting/retaining talent for their company. Get students culturalized in rural America. The program is up and going, and working well, at Vermeer in Pella.
3. Partner with rural landowners to engage in forest or pasture management. Looking to partner with producers to allow for educational opportunities.

Ringgold County could get 3-4 people throughout the summer. Work time will start in the summer of 2024. A needs assessment would be beneficial to improve the chances of Ringgold County qualifying for these services.

The Board met with Andrea St. John, Kerry Koonce and Sam Stineman all with Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), Phil Kinser with SW Iowa REC and Dale Walkup CIPCO Board member via Zoom to discuss services provided by CIPCO as well as their structure and history. St. John explained their mission is to serve cooperatives and REC's in the state of Iowa. Roughly 39% of the energy is provided by wind.

Stineman explained most of the power from the wind turbines is distributed regionally, through interconnections on a grid format. Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), comprised of the central states from Louisiana north to a portion of Canada, is the region that supplies those entities within CIPCO.

CIPCO operates six solar sites around the state. One megawatt of solar equates to one square mile. Stineman reviewed with the group the various wind farms across the CIPCO region and the value provided from each. They also operate one landfill energy facility.

Holmes questioned if the level of development would be there if financial subsidies were not available. It was stated that the tax credits have helped, but the entity would work to ensure adequate sustainability and grow as much as possible. It does have a balance on a functioning market.

Taylor questioned what would happen if the 39% of wind contribution went away. It was explained, if this occurred costs may increase as they would have to look to the other resources, like coal, to make up that difference. St. John stated they are currently 15%-20% short on wind energy opportunities. They continue to look for areas of growth, he said.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1pm the Board returned to session with Count Attorney Clint Spurrier to enter a workshop on wind and solar ordinances. They will finalize a proposed draft for review at the next meeting and set the public hearing dates.

The Board reviewed and approved the fourth amendment to the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP)-Sexual Abuse Prevention Services Contract.

RESOLUTION RC23-101

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve final plans for project L-TINGLEY01(1)-- 73-80.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor stating such.

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 19, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-102

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to publicly advertise and set letting date for project L-TINGLEY01(1)--73-80.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Knapp stating such.

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 19, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-103

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to fourth amendment to the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP)-Sexual Abuse Prevention Services Contract.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor stating such.

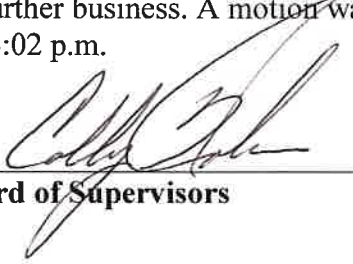
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 19, 2023.

The Board tabled approval of the minutes.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor