

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

May 20, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, May 20, 2024. 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 Holmes, second by Taylor to approve the agenda with the addition of utility permit approval for secondary roads.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to discuss secondary roads updates. The sign truck was out working to repair downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs. Sign damage related to the April tornados continue to be found.

The crew worked to replace deteriorated street signs.

The spray truck was prepared, and work began on spraying noxious weeds within the County ROW.

The total patcher was out working to repair potholes along paved roadways. The department assisted the City of Diagonal in repairing roadway potholes to be reimbursed by the city for time and materials.

Drift collected at Ringgold County bridge Lotts Creek 16 was removed, along with drift at a twin culvert along 260th Ave, between 270th and 280th Street.

The downed trees were removed from 220th Street, between 262nd and 270th Ave.

Work order updates:

W.O. 1208: Roadway patching on J23 between Clearfield and Diagonal. All patching in the east bound lane has been completed. Stress relief cuts have been made into the new pavement. Pavement patches in the west bound lane have been cut and are ready for replacement. The east bound shoulder will be finished, and traffic re-directed onto the south lane in order to complete the remaining patches. (In Progress)

W.O. 1209: Replace fire damaged 24" culvert along 280th Ave between 140th and 150th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1040: Replace deteriorated 36" CMP culvert with new 36" ADS culvert. Located along 220th Street between 240th and 250th ave. (complete)

W.O. 1202: Clear trees and brush, re-shape roadside ditch area for approximately 1 mile. Located along 310th Street and P64, south and west from the 310th Street and P64 intersection. (In Progress)

The department has completed final plans for the Liberty 25 project. The department contacted the USACE concerned about the status of the permit. The USACE acknowledged the delay and will work to expedite the permit.

The 404 permit for the Tingley 27 project has been received. No mitigation is required. The crew mobilized the smaller crane to the site in order to unload and stockpile culvert sections on site once they are ready for shipment.

Bear Creek Archaeology indicated they would be onsite within the next couple weeks to complete the field work for the Jefferson 26 project.

The department received notification from the IDOT Location and Environmental Bureau on the NEPA review status for the P27 South project. This project does not fit the criteria of the Programmatic Agreement with the FHWA. This project, however, does fit the criteria for Categorical Exclusion. The Department has to complete an environmental review and submit for final determination.

The contract for the Diagonal sidewalk project has been fully executed. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for June 4th.

Johnson presented the Board with final plans for project L-LIBERTY25(1)--73-80 to consider approving. The Board moved forward with approval. The Board approved to advertise for project L-LIBERTY25(1)--73-80 and set local letting date.

Johnson went on to present the Board with the final plans for project L-TINGLEY27(1)--73-80. The Board moved forward with approval of the plans and to publicly advertise for project L-TINGLEY27(1)--73-80 and set local letting date.

Conservation Director Travis Scott met with the Board to provide department updates. Young Fencing was approved to install the fence along the trailway. Rick Farrell is doing the removal of the fencing. He is nearly done with this project, Scott said. The department is looking to purchase one-third of an acre from Farrell to extend the parking area at the west end of Ringgold Trailway. The Department secured Rockin R Painting to stain the Nature Center. Scott was approached by a Christian music group to host a musical event held at Liberty Lake in November. The event would serve as a fundraiser for the park and local food banks. The Conservation Board is currently in conversation with the group. Picnic in the Park is underway for the season and held every Wednesday at the Nature Center. A new food truck sets up each week. Scott reported there were roughly 30-40 trees down because of the April 26th storm. Clean-up continues, he said. Field Day was held with 5th and 6th grade earlier this month and it went very well, Scott reported. Twelve trees have been planted at Liberty Lake, fully funded through donations. He intends to plant at least twelve more, he said. Electric work was completed at the Nature Center to better accommodate the food trucks. An AmeriCorps student has been hired to help at the Nature Center. New signage will be installed at the Nature Center, Scott said, to better draw attention to the facility.

Andrew Zimmerman, Internal Legal Counsel & Trust Officer at Iowa State Savings Bank, met with the Board to discuss the Padgitt Trust. Also present was Matt Hanson, Attorney with Wilson, Hanson & Associates, P.C. and Ringgold County Attorney Clint Spurrier. The county was listed as a beneficiary to the Padgitt Estate. The funds are to be used for medical and nursing scholarships to those returning to Ringgold County and working in the field for a period of at least three years. The Board must decide how the funds will be distributed and who will manage the program. They will continue discussions and move forward at a future meeting.

The Board reviewed claims paid Wednesday, May 15th and moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC24-76

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve a utility permit for REC.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-77

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve final plans for project L-LIBERTY25(1)--73-80.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-78

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to publicly advertise for project L-LIBERTY25(1)--73-80 and set local letting date.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Randy Taylor stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-79

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the final plans for project L-TINGLEY27(1)--73-80.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-80

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to publicly advertise for project L-TINGLEY27(1)--73-80 and set local letting date.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-81

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims paid Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 20, 2024.

A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor