

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

April 27, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, April 27, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present Colby Holmes and Steve Knapp. Absent: Randy Taylor.

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

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Spot rock was hauled to the southwest, southeast, and south-central maintainer districts.

The total patcher was readied for use. Patching rock was stockpiled and a load of oil for the patcher was obtained. The crew worked to repair the larger potholes that had developed over the winter.

The crew worked to repair a washout along 320th Ave near Sun Valley Lake.

The crew worked to complete shoulder improvements through the town of Ellston.

The tractor with shouldering disk has been out working to repair edge ruts and cut off shoulder edges.

The preliminary plans for the Union 13 project have been cleared.

Last week at the Middle Fork 7 project site, the crew broke down the crane for transport, replaced the existing field fence that was removed for construction, hauled equipment off site, and performed final site clean-up. This week it is planned to haul the crane off site.

The department has been working to procure materials for the Middle Fork 10 project. Weather permitting this week it is planned to move the crane to the site, assemble the crane, and begin to clear and grub the site.

The department has completed the final plans for the Poe 17 project and checked by the Engineer. Pending Board of Supervisors' approval the department recommends setting a local letting date of May 10th.

The department finished preparing the concept statement for the Washington 24 project. The concept statement has been submitted to the IDOT for review and comments.

Johnson reviewed the final plans for bridge replacement project LFM-POE17(1)--7X-80 and moved forward with approval.

Johnson went on to request to set the local letting date of May 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. and publicly advertise project LFM-POE17(1)--7X-80.

The Board reviewed the FY27 construction five-year program presented by Johnson and moved forward with approval.

Johnson updated the Board about a conversation he had with Athens Township Trustee Monte Akers regarding the Kellerton cemetery expansion project. The township inquired about the assistance from the roads department in constructing a road to the new cemetery. Johnson reported he is going to visit with the surveyor to see what the scope of the project is. He will report back to the Board.

Treasurer Debra Cannon met with the Board to review the March month end report for her department.

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to review the March month end report for her department.

Auditor Waske went on to present a request of a name change of Sun Valley Creek to Kew Creek. Per the case summary in the submitted packet: This proposal is to change the name *Sun Valley Creek*, within the Townships of Tingley and Jefferson, Ringgold County, Iowa, to *Kew Creek*. The proposal was submitted on March 9, 2026, by Zach Gunsolley, a resident of Diagonal and VP of the Diagonal Lions Club.

In 2022, the US Board on Geographic Names (BGN) changed the name of Squaw Creek in Jefferson Township, Township 70N, Range 30W in Ringgold County Iowa. The replacement name selected by BGN was Sun Valley Creek. The local area residents and community members were unaware of this name change. In a letter to support their request, the Diagonal Lions stated they find these concerning flaws with the name Sun Valley Creek:

- Sun Valley Creek is not connected to Sun Valley Lake, a private lake 15 miles east of this creek. Sun Valley Creek drains the opposite way, into the West Fork Grand River. The West Fork Grand River is a disconnected water feature from Sun Valley Lake.
- The two similar names of Sun Valley Creek and Sun Valley Lake are causing confusion among local residents and visitors to the area.

The Board moved forward with approval of the requested name change.

The Board met with Victor Reicks and Andrea Groh with Stronghouse, formerly known as Options Exteriors, via conference call, to discuss the delay in the courthouse roof project. The Board expressed concern with how long it is taking and questioned the status of the manufacturer's warranty review. The Board believes the issue that caused the significant standing water should have been discovered and addressed ahead of the installation. Groh explained they were following guidance from the manufacturer. Reicks stated he is working with the manufacturer to get a structural engineer on site to review the project and discuss next steps. The Board requested a status update by the end of this week. Sheriff Rob Haley was also

present. Haley stated his roof has another leak that needs addressed. Reicks said a team is enroute and should arrive today to address that issue.

The Board reviewed claims to be paid Wednesday, April 29, 2026, and moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC26-72

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve final plans for bridge replacement project LFM-POE17(1)--7X-80.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-73

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to set local letting date of May 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. and publicly advertise project LFM-POE17(1)--7X-80.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-74

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the FY27 construction five-year program.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-75

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have established policy by resolution RC22-130, for the improving of Area Service "B" roads to Area Service "A" roads; and

WHEREAS, section II of said policy allows for the improvement by granular surfacing to an Area Service "B" road and the road remains Area Service "B"; and

WHEREAS, a written request for granular surfacing in accordance with section II of the policy for the improving of Area Service "B" roads to Area Service "A" roads has been received from Monte Akers; and

WHEREAS, the request pertains to a section of Area Service "B" road located along 330th Ave, Section 12, Athens Township. The point of beginning being the intersection of 230th Street and 330th Avenue, and the point of terminus being approximately 0.1 miles south along 330th Ave; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to approve the request for granular surfacing on an Area Service "B" road in accordance with section II of the policy for the improving of Area Service "B" roads to Area Service "A" roads, RC22-130; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged

invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law.

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby the level B rock request on 330th Ave as stated above.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-76

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Treasurer's March month end report as presented by Treasurer Debra Cannon.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-77

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Auditor's March month end report as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-78

WHEREAS, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) has received a proposal to change the official name of a stream located in Jefferson and Tingley Townships, Ringgold County, Iowa, from "Sun Valley Creek" to "Kew Creek"; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has requested input from local jurisdictions to assist in its review process, including consideration of community preference, local context, and the necessity or appropriateness of the proposed name for federal use; and

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the information provided, including the proposal materials, maps, and supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges local support for the proposed name change, including input from community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds no known conflicts or confusion with existing geographic names within Ringgold County that would result from the proposed name change; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the proposed name change as appropriate and reflective of local preference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors that the Board hereby approves and supports the proposed change of the stream name from "Sun Valley Creek" to "Kew Creek" within Jefferson and Tingley Townships, Ringgold County, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ringgold County Auditor is hereby directed to submit this resolution to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names as the official position of Ringgold County.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-79

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims to be paid Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

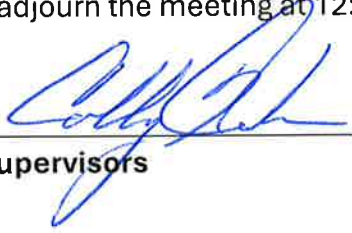
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 27, 2026.

A motion was made by Knapp, second by Holmes to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor