Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 1:30 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were: Karl Fisher, David Willingham, Kathy Mai, Phil Schneider, and Mark Schmitt. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, John Fitzl, Carol Johnson, Verna Nielsen and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Schmitt/Schneider to approve the committee minutes from March 11, 2014. Motion carried.

The payment approval report was reviewed. Motion by Schneider/Fisher to approve. Motion carried.

CSM review: 2 lots for Steve Zajec in the town of Washington. The barn shown is an existing encroachment. Ag zoning requires lots to be 200’ wide. Lot 3 as currently shown does not meet this requirement. Motion by Fisher/Schmitt to approve with the condition that lot 3 must be 200’ wide. Motion carried.

Monthly reports:

Land Records: Fitzl has been updating the parcel map and working on election maps. There was a meeting earlier today regarding new software.

Register of Deeds: Carol Johnson reported she attended a state conference that included register of deeds, treasurers, and county clerk. The state is moving toward electronic filing of death certificates.

Treasurer: Verna Neilsen reported her office is working on tax deed properties. They started with 158 and are now down to 108 parcels. A number of property owners have refused their certified notices.

Zoning report: Tesky reported the office hosted a plumber meeting with Barron County. The county was briefly suspended from the NFIP due to the DNR not approving our new ordinance. This was corrected immediately. The state is still working on changes to NR115.

LCDD report: Tesky said Mike Zimmer is transferring to the Forestry department. She will be advertising to refill the conservationist position. The zoning and land conservation budgets had carry forward balances. Zoning sent back $10,000 and Land Conservation sent back $30,000 to be used for capital improvements. Tesky said there was a meeting with Esri regarding new software and it was an excellent presentation. There would need to be a cooperative effort from county departments to fund the project. Tesky will be setting up another presentation. Motion
by Schneider/Schmitt to have Tesky take the proposal to the property committee. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 2:10 P.M. to open a public hearing for Enbridge Energy in the town of Grant for a pump station. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing and reopened the zoning meeting at 2:25 P.M. The committee reviewed the staff recommendations. Discussed the well head protection for the City of Ladysmith. Motion by Schneider/Fisher to approve the pump station with the conditions listed in the staff recommendations. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be on May 13, 2014.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:26 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator