Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 1:32 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were: Dave Willingham, Karl Fisher, Robert Stout, Mark Schmitt and Arian Knops. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, John Fitzl, Verna Nielsen, Carol Johnson and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Knops/Stout to approve the committee minutes from March 10 and March 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Payment approval report:  Motion by Schmitt/Fisher to approve. Motion carried.

CSM review:  1 lot CSM in the Town of Big Bend for Beth Bettenhausen. Tesky recommends approval upon review for 236 standards. Motion by Schmitt/Fisher to approve the map with the condition that it passes the Chapter 236 review. Motion carried.

A 3 lot CSM in the Town of Washington for Secluded Land Company. This is the area that was rezoned at the February meeting. The lots meet the 150’ lot width requirement and the floodplain is shown. There is still the issue with the road right-of-way needing to be abandoned. Motion by Stout/Knops to approve the CSM with the condition that the right-of-way abandonment is finalized and the map passes the Chapter 236 review. Motion carried.

Land Records:  Fitzl said he has sent the address and centerline data to ProWest. He is working on using the collector app to join data.

Register of Deeds:  Carol Johnson said she has received images back on the 1st phase of the back scanning. They are in JPEG and Tif images and they look good. Johnson is checking into storage options.

Treasurer:  Nielsen stated the Rich Summerfield brought in the 1st batch of In Rem properties. There are 30 parcels to go into the In Rem process and 4 to be taken as tax deeds.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2:00  Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting to open a public hearing at 2:00 P.M. to consider a conditional use request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Big Bend for Lloyd and Bonnita Johnson. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:13 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed staff recommendations. Motion by Fisher/Knops to approve the tourist rooming house with the staff recommendations included as conditions. Motion carried.

Zoning report:  Tesky said permits are picking up. There have been some enforcement letters that were sent out. The plumber meeting was held with Barron County. Tesky will be attending the Town of Atlanta meeting tonight regarding non-metallic mining requirements. Next Tuesday she will attend the Town of Stubbs meeting regarding the tubes and floodplain.
LCDD report: Tesky said interviews were held for the intern position. The person who initially accepted the position recently declined. Tesky and John Krell interviewed Rochel Stewart and she has accepted the position. Tesky will attend the Finance meeting to request carry forward funds for capital improvement for a new computer for Krell.

Next regular meeting will be on May 12, 2015.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 2:51 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator
Members Present: David Willingham, Karl Fisher, Robert Stout, Mark Schmitt and Arian Knops. Staff Present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a conditional use request to allow a tourist rooming house on the following described real estate:

A parcel in the SW1/4 – SW 1/4, Section 20, T33N, R8W. Lot 1 CSM 697
Property address: W14053 Old Hwy D

Property owner: Lloyd and Bonnita Johnson
W14053 Old Hwy D
Weyerhaeuser, WI  54895

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The town clerk and owner were notified by Certified Mail and neighboring property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. The DNR was notified by email per their request. Tesky explained that the township has approved the application.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Tesky explained that the owners could not be present today. They are requesting the use their existing house for short term rental.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in opposition to the request. Linda Grefsheim was present. She was interested in the intent of the request. Her main concern is parking and the small access to the property. There could be issues with mail delivery and snow plowing if the road is used for parking.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone else present in favor or against the request to speak. There being no further testimony, Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:13 P.M.

ZONING MEETING

Reviewed staff recommendations. The committee discussed the issues with parking and noted they are addressed in the staff recommendations. Motion by Fisher/Knops to approve the tourist rooming house with the staff recommendations included as conditions. Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator