LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 13, 2014

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, Mark Schmitt, Robert Stout, and Arian Knops. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, John Fitzl, Carol Johnson, and Yvonne Johnson.

Fisher called for nominations for chairman. Motion by Stout to nominate David Willingham for chair. There were no other nominations. Motion by Schmitt/Knops to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for David Willingham. Motion carried.

Willingham called for nominations for vice-chair. Motion by Knops to nominate Mark Schmitt for vice-chairman. There were no other nominations. Motion by Fisher/Knops to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Schmitt. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher/Schmitt to approve the meeting and public hearing minutes from April 8. Motion carried.

The payment approval report was reviewed. Motion by Schmitt/Knops to approve. Motion carried.

CSM review: Town of True 1 lot CSM on the Solsrud property. This is a preliminary drawing on an aerial photo. It meets the minimum lot size requirements and Tesky recommends approval upon the review for Chapter 236 standards. Motion by Fisher/Schmitt to approve the proposed lot with the condition that it meets Chapter 236 standards. Motion carried.

Monthly reports:

Land Records: Fitzl reported that Rebecca McEathron-Kramer the real property lister has been finding errors on the parcel map and referring them to the land information office to be corrected. Fire numbers have been busy with 8 new requests and working on problem areas in the county with old addresses. Fitzl has been working with Denise Wetzel on a plan to remodel the LEC Board room.

Register of Deeds: Carol Johnson reported she is looking into different methods to preserve the old records. The microfiche is breaking down. She will be checking with companies to get prices. Property transfers and sales have been slow.

Treasurer: No report.

Zoning report: Tesky reported the floodplain maps are in use and phone calls regarding floodplain have been increasing. Permits are increasing and the road bans are coming off on
May 14. The Board of Adjustment will have a request on June 4 regarding the height limit on buildings. Colleen Schott has been scanning in the permits from the last 3 years.

LCDD report: Tesky stated the conservationist position is open. Interviews for this position will be held on May 22. Mike Sampson who served as the assistant technician in the land conservation has retired. Tesky plans to hire a summer intern to work for all three departments. Tesky attended the hog farm tour and did research on large scale hog farms which was requested by the Land & Water committee. The tree sale went exceptionally well. John Krell and Colleen Schott did a great job and increased sales by $1,000 over last year.

LCDD intern: Tesky explained that there is money available in the land conservation technician line and the conservationist line. The intern would collect data on farms, manure storage, fire numbers and road centerlines. Tesky will check with the Personnel committee for approval.

ARC-GIS: Tesky went to the property committee with a proposal for the ArcGIS Land Records Solution. The property committee recommended moving it forward to county board. There would be a 3 year contract at a cost of $25,000 per year. Tesky presented a resolution which spells out where the fund would come from. There would also be a cost to have the data transferred. This would cost approximately $28,000. This would ensure that the data is used to the full potential. The committee reviewed the resolution. Motion by Fisher/Knops to forward the resolution for the GIS solution to the County Board. Motion carried.

County Monument reimbursement: The issue of raising the bounty to reimburse surveyors for setting government corners. This amount is currently $200 and has been the same for many years. The issue has been discussed at the land information council meetings. No action taken.

Out of County Travel: Fitzl to attend the WLIA spring meeting on June 5-6 in Wisconsin Dells. (1 night hotel stay) Borton to Barron County soil training on May 15. Motion by Schmitt/Stout to approve the requested travel. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be on June 10, 2014.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:22 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson  
Assistant Zoning Administrator