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: Dave Willingham, Karl Fisher, Mark Schmitt, Robert Stout, and Arian Knops. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, John Fitzl, Carol Johnson, Verna Nielsen, and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Schmitt/Stout to approve the meeting committee minutes and public hearing minutes from July 8. Motion carried.

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

CSM review: 1 lot map in the town of Marshall for Merle Martin. The parcel is 7.7 acres and is zoned Ag. Meets the minimum standards, but needs to be reviewed for Chapter 236 standards. Motion by Stout/Schmitt to approve the map subject to the land information review. Motion carried.

Land Records: Fitzl reported there have been a lot of address problems. There were approximately 40 fire numbers in the town of Flambeau that were not in the 911 database. There are also issues with Deerhead Point Road with numbers showing up ½ mile off on the 911 map. The fire number project is 90% complete. The road centerlines will be the next area to be worked on. Doing a daily data drop and submitting the new points to the Sheriff’s department. The office received 47 new corner certificates from Xcel at no cost.

Register of Deeds: No report.

Treasurer: Verna Nielsen reported they took in the postponed tax payments. A total of 15 parcels were taken through the tax deed process.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 2:00 P.M. to open a public hearing for Northern States Power in the town of Big Falls for a transmission right of way line. Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:18 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed staff recommendations. Motion by Fisher/Knops to approve the request for the transmission right of way line with the staff recommendations as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 2:20 P.M. to open a public hearing for James Krier in the town of Flambeau to request a rezoning from resource conservation to forestry. Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:23 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Motion by Stout/Schmitt to forward the rezoning request to the County Board with the committee’s recommendation to approve the rezoning from resource conservation to forestry. Motion carried.
Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 2:34 P.M. to open a public hearing for Lawrence and Rita Netzer in the town of Willard for a campground. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:41 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed staff recommendations. Discussed setbacks and sanitary needs. All structures must be 75’ from the lake. The public health department will issue a license and will review electrical and water services. Added #20 to the staff recommendations-an as built plan needs to be submitted to the zoning department. Motion by Fisher/Schmitt to approve the campground request with the following changes to the staff recommendations:

- 12 sites are approved.
- 20’ sideyard setback is required.
- add the words non-family to condition #3.
- require as built plan to show camper locations submitted to the zoning department.

Motion carried.

LCDD report: Tesky has been working on the budgets for all the departments and meets with the Finance committee on August 28. There has been a reduction in the Land and Water staffing grant. It was $114,000 in 2014 and is projected to be $109,000 for 2015. The IT department had training on the ARC GIS software and the server is set up. The Environmental Challenge interns completed their work on August 7. A report was given to the Land and Water committee.

Carol Johnson, Register of Deeds, was present to explain a terms of use agreement. Copies were distributed. Johnson expects a quote from Source Code this week to scan records. This company is highly recommended and reportedly reasonably priced. Motion by Schmitt/Knops to approve the terms of use agreement upon Johnson checking with Rich Summerfield and Denise Wetzel. Motion carried.

Zoning report: Tesky reported that John Sikora withdrew his request for a campground.

Corner perpetuation subsidy: Currently $5,000 per year is budgeted for this expense. Tesky is questioning whether she should continue to pay the subsidy after the $5,000 has been used. There has been discussion on increasing the amount of the subsidy and what requirements would be needed. Need to clarify where signs are placed and if GPS points are required. No action taken.

Next regular meeting will be on September 9, 2014.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 4:12 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator
ZONING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
NORTHERN STATES POWER
AUGUST 12, 2014
TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT OF WAY

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

Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:05 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a conditional use request to allow a transmission line right of way on the following described real estate:

A parcel in Gov’t lot 5, Section 35, T36N, R5W. Site address: N5740 Dam Road

Property owner: Northern States Power Company
PO Box 8
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The town clerk, DNR, and owner were notified by Certified Mail and neighboring property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. Tesky explained the hearing is required because it is a new right of way line. The township has approved, but the original application has not been signed.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in favor of the request. Matt McFarlane handed out copies of the aerial photo of the area showing the new liens. They need the new crossing because they are proposing to expand the Osprey station 161 KV line. The right of way will be 100’ wide and on NSP land. JD Armstrong was also present and is the local contact for the project. They plan to start the project in December with phase 1 going from Radisson to Trails Ends. They will need to acquire new easements, so some construction may not begin for a year.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in opposition to the request. No one present. Chairman Willingham asked 3 times for anyone else present in favor or against the request to speak. There being no further testimony, Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:18 P.M.

ZONING MEETING

Reviewed staff recommendations. Motion by Fisher/Knops to grant the conditional use request with the staff recommendations as presented. Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

ZONING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
JAMES KRIER
AUGUST 12, 2014
REZONE RESOURCE CONSERVATION TO FORESTRY

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

Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:20 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a rezoning request to change the zoning from resource conservation to forestry on the following described real estate:

The north 400’ of the east 250’ of the NE ¼ -NW ¼, Section 31, T35N, R6W.

Property owner: James Krier
507 Prairie Lane
Hudson, WI  54016

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The town clerk, DNR, and owner were notified by Certified Mail and neighboring property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. Tesky reviewed the application and said this would apply to two acres of the parcel.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in favor of the request. James Krier was present and stated he has an existing driveway and a cleared area of 2 acres. The land is 300’ off of Flambeau Ave and is high and dry. Krier plans to build a cabin on the land.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in opposition to the request. No one present. Chairman Willingham asked 3 times for anyone else present in favor or against the request to speak. There being no further testimony, Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:23 P.M.

ZONING MEETING

Motion by Stout/Schmitt to forward the rezoning request to the County Board with the committee’s recommendation to approve the rezoning from resource conservation to forestry. Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

ZONING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING

LAWRENCE & RITA NETZER
AUGUST 12, 2014
CAMPGROUND

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

Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:34 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a conditional use request to allow a campground on the following described real estate:

A parcel in Gov’t lot 6, Section 31, T33N, R6W. Site address: W9546 Woodlawn Drive.

Property owner: Lawrence & Rita Netzer
N3017 Sunset Road
Medford, WI 54451

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. Tesky explained that the township has approved the application. The owners had been sent an enforcement order. There are approximately 11 camping units on the property. More than 3 units are considered a campground by definition. The township approved the request as a family campground only.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Angie Issacson spoke in favor and stated they want to keep the family together. The children each have their own unit, and some grandchildren have units.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone to speak in opposition to the request. No one present.

Tim Netzer stated the family likes to be together, but it is nice to have their own sanctuary. If they all had to share a cabin, it would be chaos.

Rita Netzer said they purchased the property in 1986 and wanted to have a place for the family to gather. They have 8 children and they each have a camper.

Chairman Willingham asked 3 times for anyone else present in favor or against the request to speak. There being no further testimony, Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:41 P.M.
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

ZONING MEETING

Reviewed staff recommendations. Discussed setbacks and sanitary needs. All structures must be 75’ from the lake. The public health department will issue a license and will review electrical and water services. Added #20 to the staff recommendations—an as built plan needs to be submitted to the zoning department. Motion by Fisher/Schmitt to approve the campground request with the following changes to the staff recommendations:

- 12 sites are approved.
- 20’ sideyard setback is required.
- Add the words non-family to condition #3.
- Require as built plan to show camper locations submitted to the zoning department.

Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator