Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:07 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were: Phil Schneider, Karl Fisher, David Willingham, Kathy Mai and Mark Schmitt. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Schmitt/Schneider to approve the committee minutes from October 8, 2012 and October 9, 2012. Motion carried.

Office combination: Schneider stated he needs more information to decide how he will vote. He questioned how surveying will be done, who will pay, and what services will be needed. Further discussion regarding the office combination and how the office would be structured. Discussed the need to accelerate the remonumentation process. No action taken.

CSM review: 2 lots and 2 outlots in the town of Washington for Secluded Land. This was originally submitted as 4 lots and 4 outlots. It was noted that the division exceeded the lot limit to be done without a state plat. The map as currently submitted meets the minimum lot size. The floodplain is shown. The house and septic system are on one lot. Tesky recommends approval. Motion by Schneider/Mai to approve the CSM. Motion carried.

1 outlot land division in the Town of Murry. This outlot is being mapped for access to lots that will be created in the future. There are no structures. Tesky recommends approval. Motion by Schmitt/Fisher to approve the CSM with the conditions noted on the map. Motion carried.

Budget: Tesky stated the office is doing well on the revenues budgeted. Expenses are down except for the contracted services that were done to answer the FEMA CAV visit violations. Tesky estimates there may need to be a request for contingency money at approx. $3,700. There was money left in the 2011 budget to cover the CAV services, but it was not carried forward.

Floodplain: Tesky forwarded the October update. The new draft floodplain maps should be here by mid-December.

Ordinance revision: Tesky gave the committee members the NR115 minimum standards. Discussed structures in the 75’ setback area. The question asked to the committee was if we can allow stairs that are built into the ground. There is nothing in NR115 that limits the stairs being excavated into the ground. However, the steps must be necessary to access the water. The main change that could be made would be to allow steps to be excavated into the slope. There would need to be a prescriptive standard and how this would affect the existing slope would need to be considered. Tesky will continue to work on this issue. The committee agreed that we can wait until next year to finish looking at this possible change.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:11 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator