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 David Willingham, Robert Stout, Arian Knops, Mark Schmitt and Phil Schneider. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, John Fitzl, Verna Nielsen, Yvonne Johnson, and Carol Johnson.

Motion by Knops/Schmitt to approve the committee and public hearing minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider/Knops to approve the payment approval reports for October. Motion carried.

CSM review: Two lot land division in the Town of Washington for Bowe Holding Company. There is floodplain that needs to be shown on the map. Most of the proposed lot 2 is in the floodplain and must be mapped as an outlot. It would then need to be specifically deeded with another lot. Has not been reviewed for State 236 standards. Motion by Stout/Schneider to approve the proposed CSM if the conditions listed are met to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator. Motion carried.

Reports:

Land Info: Fitzl stated he is working on the state data submission. He worked with the Sheriff’s Department and GeoComm to update mapping. The issue is still in process. There were seven fire numbers for the month.

Register of Deeds: Carol Johnson said she is still looking into replacement for the imaging system. Recordings are slowing down.

Treasurer: Nielsen reported they are advertising 8 properties for the tax deed sale. The bids will be opened tomorrow. The new visitor’s guide is in and plat books are selling.

Zoning: Tesky stated permits are up and revenue is up about $15,000 for the year. Enforcement continues on several issues. The Grajewski salvage yard owner states he is going to remove junk and not have a salvage yard. Mobile home park with sewage on the ground-the sewage has been removed, but they have not yet pumped the tank. A citation was issued for clearing of 300 yards of stream bank. Tesky is working with the landowner and a contractor to restore the area. There is a septic system that is overflowing onto a neighboring property-working with the owner to get system replaced. There was a boathouse without a permit which is being removed. Meeting with the state regarding an at-grade septic system which is failing. There will be a second variance request on the Island Lake peninsula property due to the original measurements being incorrect. Tesky attended the WCCA conference last month. There are more changes coming from the state. Tesky plan to hold training for county inspectors in January.
LCDD report: Tesky reported the budget numbers are looking good. Revenue is up for zoning. Reviewed the changes in the 2018 budget. Remonumentation was awarded to the highest bidder due to references not being favorable. The new work schedule is going well. There will be a revision of the Comprehensive plan for the Farmland Preservation plan update.

Address ordinance: Reviewed the existing language as to how fire number changes are notified to the township and property owner. Discussed issues with the townships naming private roads. The address ordinance is enforced through the Sheriff’s department. The Land Information office will notify land owners and the township affected when there are changes to existing fire numbers.

The next regular meeting will be December 12 at 1:30 P.M.

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

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator