Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:04 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Willingham, Mai, Costello, Schneider and Taylor.

The next meeting will be on March 11th, 2008 at 2:00P.M.

Mai/Schneider motion to approve the minutes of the January 15th meeting and one public hearing. Carried.

**Closed Session:**

CeCe stated that there will be no closed session because it wasn’t posted correctly on the agenda. She gave a summary of the history of the site and the question she had for Rich. Brian Nodolf, counsel for the property owners, was present and stated that the Section 17.57 4.5 is poorly drafted and shouldn’t apply to a land division that has already been approved. He asked the committee to approve the language in their covenants otherwise he will apply for review by Board of Adjustment or certiorari. It was decided to have a special closed session meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at 8:00am in the small conference room.

**Bills:**

Costello/Mai motion to approve the bills. Carried.

**Out of County Travel:**

CeCe requested out of county training sessions as posted. Schneider/Costello motion to approve out of county travel. Carried.

2:27PM Break.
2:30PM Reconvene.

**Public Hearing:**

To review and public comment on a proposal to change Section 5.1 and add Section 5.6 pertaining to allowing construction of retaining walls in the 75’ setback area. – See separate minutes.

Cliff Taylor would like the committee to review applications. There was discussion about inserting language into #1 that would allow “other person approved by the zoning committee” to do the applications. Discussion about how the committee would do this in a uniform manner.

Phil Schneider is concerned about people getting a permit for self-imposed erosion that could be fixed in other ways.

CeCe will check with DNR about changing language in #1. Willingham will check with LWCD to see if they would be able to assist property owners for a fee. Committee will bring it up at the next meeting.
NOT APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

CSM’S:

Costello/Schneider motion to approve Secluded Land 8 lot CSM in the Town of Murry with the following conditions: Final CSM’s are submitted and reviewed by surveyor, mapped floodplain is shown on the maps, remnant parcel west of road is designated as an outlot, shared road access is provided to Lots 6-8. Carried.

Discussion, but no motion, on the Virginia Steffeck 2 lot CSM in the Town of Big Bend. Committee has concerns about Outlot 2 being designated as an ‘outlot’ and future building on the site.

Costello/Taylor motion to approve the Pete Jones 1 lot CSM in the Town of Flambeau with condition that a restriction is placed on the CSM indicating that no dwelling may be placed on the property unless a well is installed that meets DNR setbacks and quality standards. Carried.

Discussion/Possible Action:

There has been a request for storage rental building in Forestry district. The ordinance does not specify this use in any district specifically. In the past, it has been a permitted use in Commercial and Conditional Use in RR and Ag, however, ordinance is lacking in guidance. Discussion about incorporating specific uses for this into the ordinance. CeCe will bring language to next meeting.

Lakes Classification Committee has approved a matrix for lakes classification. They have not done the final approval for stream classification yet. The committee wants to know the process for getting the matrix approved by the board. They will not be recommending any changes to regulations. The zoning committee feels that there should be a presentation of the classification process provided to County Board and the board would hold the public hearing prior to approval of the matrix. Cliff has concerns about the classification process and how the matrix was developed.

Zoning Administrator’s Report:

Department of Commerce conducted 2007 audit of sanitary records. County needs to update Private Sewage Ordinance to specify method of reporting for maintenance of systems. Currently we use Carmody system which requires electronic filing by pumped.

Costello/Schneider motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm. Carried.

Monica Kenealy, Secretary/Bookkeeper