ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 1ST, 2009

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:13 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Willingham, Mai, Schneider and Costello. Taylor was absent. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Monica Kenealy.

Schneider/Costello motion to approve the minutes of the March 4th and March 20th meeting and the March 4th public hearing. Carried.

The next meeting will be on May 14th, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

BILLS

Mai/Costello motion to approve bills. Carried.

CSM’s

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Consider conditional use request for James and Debra Sterchy for a campground at N1290 N Potato Lake Road. Willingham explained the permit process and how conditions on a permit can help to alleviate some concerns on the impact of the use. Tesky passed around Sterchy’s plan for dealing with the runoff, which would be to maintain a pond in the SE corner of the lot. Schneider had concerns about the berm and how that might not be the best way to provide screening. Tesky provided a scaled drawing of the site and discovered that there may not be enough width on the lot to have 5 campers in a row, while meeting the required setbacks. Tesky handed out the staff recommendations for the campground. She also discussed lake access for this back lot and how that might affect this property in the future if Jim no longer owns the existing campground. She also indicated that a grading permit would likely not be required because the property doesn’t “slope to a navigable waterway” and a stormwater permit would only be required if the Sterchy’s were disturbing more than one acre, which isn’t likely either. Discussion about having a 24 hour onsite supervisor: Sterchy indicated that he already had planned to have someone to supervise the campground at all times in exchange for free lot rent. Tom Costello thanked everyone involved in the hearing. Discussion was held on the fireworks issue. Sterchy said there will be no fireworks allowed at all. Costello/Schneider motion to allow the conditional use permit reflecting adjustments, with a new proposed map, and with staff recommendations. Carried.

Consider refund of permit money for Gary Waterhouse. Gary is not able to build the proposed house at this time. Schneider/Costello motion to refund $425.00 to Gary Waterhouse. Carried.
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

CeCe stated that holding tank notices have been going out and enforcement is being done. Septic tank notices are going out next month. The Zoning office will be audited by the DNR in May for their Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program. The Department of Commerce audit is complete for the Sanitary Program. The plumbers meeting will be held in April in Barron. Floodplain issue: CeCe was at the DNR/ZA meeting in March where someone from the DNR admitted that they likely made a mistake on the Rusk County Zone A areas and followed the wrong contour line. NR115 update: The DNR is hoping to get the “new” draft to the Natural Resources Board in May or June.

Costello/Schneider motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 P.M. Carried.

Monica Kenealy, Secretary/Bookkeeper