Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:15 p.m. in the Small Conference Room at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Willingham, Mai, Taylor and Costello. Schneider was absent. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Monica Kenealy.

Costello/Mai motion to approve the minutes of the January 7th and January 21st meetings and two public hearings. Carried.

The next meeting will be on March 4th, 2009, at 2:00 P.M.

**BILLS**

Mai/ Costello motion to approve bills. Carried.

**CSM's**

Taylor/Costello motion to approve the one lot CSM for Bischel in the Town of Big Bend. Carried.

Taylor/Costello motion to approve the one lot CSM for Lebakken in the Town of Big Bend, with the assurance that the lot will meet the minimum 20,000 square feet excluding easements and right-of-ways. Carried.

Taylor/Costello motion to approve the one lot CSM for Bratina in the Town of Grant. Carried.

**OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:**

CeCe asked to attend the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) convention in Milwaukee, April 6-9, 2009. The cost will be $395.00 plus motel stay for 3 nights. Costello/Mai motion to approve travel. Carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Consider conditional use application for a recreational camp for Darrell Wood.** CeCe handed out the staff recommendations. The Committee went to the on site on the 21st. Willingham stated that the onsite was helpful in order to visualize existing conditions of the property. CeCe talked to Kathy Lembezeder from the Department of Health and briefly explained what the state requirements will be. Willingham asked Wood to suggest putting in the condition for use of the camp to be limited to bear season. Taylor/Costello motion to approve the recreation camp with staff recommendations and the limitation that it only be used during dog training and bear season. Carried.
Consider conditional use application for a campground for Theodore Strzok Jr. CeCe handed out the new drawing and staff recommendations. There was discussion about the staff recommendations and the committee added language about proper permitting of fireworks. Taylor/Costello motion to approve 45 sites with staff recommendations. Carried.

Dale Brown asked to voice his opinion. He objects to the permit. No demonstration of a need for the campground. There are other close campgrounds that are expanding. There is no public access. He stated that domestic use is preferred. There are already two campgrounds within the area. The 2-mile shoreland rule has been rescinded. He is concerned that there will be a detriment to the habitat and fishermen who have been there for many years.

Ted Strzok feels that the campground will provide benefit to the Rusk County economy.

Willingham stated that the zoning committee doesn’t decide whether or not the proposal will be successful. Zoning takes a look at the suitability of the property. The committee needs to look at topographical location, property size, etc and measure against preference. Domestic use is preferred, but not required.

Dale asked if the committee could change the public hearing notices to include a fire number in addition to the legal description. He also asked if there was a way to clarify why the notices were being sent. There was also discussion about whether or not public hearings could be held at night, rather than during the day, so people would not need to take off work.

Consider request to refund fees for Land Use Permit and Sanitary Permit for Jack Butke. CeCe explained that the contractor (Jerry Geist) paid for a permit and then the owner paid for the same permit later. She would like to be able to refund the $175.00 that Geist paid. Taylor/Costello motion to refund $175.00. Carried.

Discussion about ordinance changes. Committee would like to review Barron County’s Telecommunication Tower language and Chippewa County’s Adult Entertainment language for Rusk County’s possible use. There was also discussion about limiting the frequency of applicants to reapply for a conditional use permit if they have been denied by the committee.

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

Monica Kenealy, Secretary/Bookkeeper