Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 1:01 p.m. in the Zoning Office at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Willingham, Mai, Schneider and Costello. Staff present: CeCe Tesky.

Schneider/Mai motion to approve the proposed language changes to the Rusk County Private Sewage Ordinance incorporating additional suggestions for changes by the Dept. of Commerce. This language will be forwarded for public comment at the public hearing on Feb. 9. Motion carried.

Meeting was recessed at 1:02 PM to travel to onsite locations.

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM at W14155 Tyman Road for a conditional use request to allow a recreational camp. Darrel Wood explained each of the structures. 2 bunkhouse at top of hill. Bunkhouse below the hill was built in 2003 and owner’s cabin is also below the hill and it was on the property when it was purchased. Property is 10 acres. Large metal building is used as dining hall. Committee looked inside dining hall. Table, chairs, bar counter and kitchen equipment inside. There is also a bathroom and sleeping quarters inside. Discussion about state requirements for use of the building. Darrel indicated that these buildings are used for patrons of his guide business only. His guide business is available to the public. The dogs are provided by Darrel and they are housed in kennels below the hill near the owner’s cabin. Willingham stated that there may be conditions about the location of the kennels. Kevin Westlund asked how many more cabins the Woods planned to build. Darrel stated that they didn’t intend to add any more cabins, but they did need to finish the ones that have been started. Kevin indicated that he didn’t have objections to barking dogs, but it was very disruptive when the barking would go on and on. Darrell recognized that there was a lot of activity this past summer since they were trying to complete projects prior to bear season and he assured Kevin that it would not be that way in the future. Kevin would like quiet time to be established for construction periods, as well. The owners pointed out approximate property line locations.

Meeting was recessed at 1:47 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 2:27 PM at W10765 CTH D for a conditional use request to allow a campground. Ted Strzok explained that the most activity on the river is during Memorial Day, July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend. He suggested that it would benefit the area to have this campground available for people to have access to the river during other times of the year. He has plans to demolish the house and one of the storage sheds that are currently onsite. There was discussion about the 50’ setback requirement from property lines. Ted has no intention of building a bar on the property. He indicated that the river is quite shallow in this area, although not as shallow as the area closer to Flater’s. He plans to install 16 docks that would be no more than 10’ long. He stated that Flater’s is a mobile home park and not a campground. Committee would like Ted to revise his site plan, showing his plan for all the sites, making sure they are 50’ from the
property lines and 75’ from the water. He also needs to show how he will be addressing the screening of the campground on all sides.

Meeting was recessed at 2:42 PM. Meeting reconvened at 3:05 PM at the Zoning Office of the Rusk County Courthouse. Costello/Schneider motion to adjourn at 3:05 PM. Motion Carried.

Submitted by CeCe Tesky, Rusk County Zoning Administrator