Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Zoning Office at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Willingham, Mai, and Schneider. Staff present: CeCe Tesky.

Mai/Schneider motion to approve out-of-county travel for Yvonne Johnson to the WCCA Conference, March 26-27, including overnight stay. Motion carried.

Meeting was recessed at 1:05 PM to travel to onsite location.

Meeting reconvened at 1:36 PM at N1290 N Potato Lake Road for a conditional use request to allow a campground. Jim Sterchy was present and explained site locations as shown on submitted plans. He also discussed stormwater issue. Committee observed ponding in southeast corner of property where runoff is currently retained because of town road that is built along southern edge of property. Jim indicated that he still needs to determine what solutions will be used to divert runoff elsewhere on the property. He indicated where the berms and screening will be placed and explained that he would like a berm so that it creates an ‘instant’ screening for both the public and the campers, as well as a noise buffer. He explained that solid gates will be used at both entrances so the campground will be completely screened. There is a wetland on the northern end of the property. Land in the area of the proposed campsites slopes in a southerly direction. Comprehensive ordinance allows 15 campsites per gross acre. Expansion on this site would be limited because of the wetlands on the property. Jim indicated that he is applying for 12 sites and does not want more than 12. The sites will be for seasonal campers, rather than overnight (transient) campers. Jim will have transfer containers for the campers with a pumping contract. Water and electricity will be supplied to each site.

The committee traveled to view the gate on the neighboring property, location of neighboring dwellings, neighboring campgrounds and Jim’s existing campground. Jim’s existing campground has 17 seasonal sites and 6 overnight sites.

Meeting was recessed at 1:55 PM. Meeting reconvened at 2:30 PM at the Zoning Office of the Rusk County Courthouse. Willingham adjourned the meeting at 2:31 PM

Submitted by CeCe Tesky, Rusk County Zoning Administrator