Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:16 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Willingham, Mai and Schneider. Costello and Taylor were absent. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Monica Kenealy.

Schneider/Mai motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st meeting. Carried.

The next meeting will be on June 3rd, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

**BILLS**

Schneider/Mai motion to approve bills. Carried.

**Consider crushing operations in Kramer Sand Pit.** Applicant would like to perform a one-time crushing in the pit in order to utilize the rocks that are screened from the sand. Discussion about the process of amending the conditional use permit. CeCe is to send out a notice of amendment to neighboring property owners and the township if Corporation Counsel finds it acceptable. It will be on the June 3 agenda.

**CSM’s**

**9 lot preliminary division for Secluded Land in the Town of Washington.** Area is zoned Ag. Lots will be 200’ wide and more than 1 acre. Floodplain is mostly along river and there are some wetlands on the property. Secluded Land will be requesting a rezone to Forestry. Schneider/Mai motion to approve the preliminary division. Carried.

**2 lot division for Dale Rasmussen in the Town of Grant.** Area is zoned Forestry. Proposed lots meet minimum lot standards. Mai/Schneider motion to approve. Carried.

**2 lot division for Ken Gorsegner in the Town of Washington.** Owner has 3 nonconforming lots currently and wants to make one conforming lot and one nonconforming lot. Committee would like to see more lake frontage with the proposed nonconforming lot. Schneider/Mai motion to approve, with the lots being more equal at right angle widths. Carried.

Tesky mentioned a 4 lot CSM in the Town of Rusk that was approved by the committee in August 2006. The only condition at that time was that the road needed to be built. The owner had the road built this spring. Tesky was going to approve the map when she realized that there might not be enough buildable area on 2 of the lots. Jon Kleist verified an Ordinary High Water Mark and setbacks cannot be met on 2 of the proposed lots. The owner will combine Lots 1 and 2 and reconfigure Lot 3 to accommodate a building area.
Consider plot plan submitted for Jim Sterchy campground. Tesky provided copies of the revised plot plan. Campsites have been reconfigured to accommodate sideyard setback requirements. Fill will need to be placed on the north side of the storage building for the proposed campsites. Jim is not planning on doing the berm. He will plant trees for screening according to the conditions on the permit and change the driveway location so that both driveways will access on North Potato Lake Rd. Committee asked Tesky to find out if town has approved proposed plan and driveways and consider at next meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

The proposed changes to NR115 are going to the Natural Resources Board on May 27th. Discussion about the number of campers that can be on a property before it is considered a “campground”. State code requires that even if one camper is on a property, if it the space or camper are rented out, it is considered a campground. That number increases to >3 if the property is not advertised as a campground. Violations of this nature are becoming more abundant as more people place permanent campers on their property to avoid having to pay improvement taxes or follow the UDC codes. Rusk County’s ordinance requires that if electricity or a well are on the property, the property must also be served by a septic system. WRA may be doing a buffer project at the Amacoy Lake Boat Landing. They will be placing sod along the shore and planting some trees. Tesky indicated that the shoreland ordinance excepts public water access facilities from the vegetation protection provisions, however, on new access facilities, the buffer should be maintained. WRA is willing to do a shoreland restoration project in the future.

Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:55 P.M.

Monica Kenealy, Secretary/Bookkeeper