Chairman Willingham called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Willingham, Mai, Costello and Schneider. Taylor was absent. Staff present: CeCe Tesky. Others Present: Jim Serley, Town of Big Falls Representative, Don Christoffersen, Mary Williams, Jason Gillis, John Stencil, Attorney for the Town of Big Bend, Rich Summerfield, Jim Bailie.

Willingham explained that the intention of the meeting was to discuss and find creative ways to solve the issues with the proposed floodplain maps from FEMA.

Tesky explained timeline of events to date and handed out the Map Modernization schedule for the state, as well as maps from the WI DNR website.

Discussion by the group about options that the county might have to address the issues. Providing better topographic data was discussed in detail with many questions about where the money might come from to complete the project. Discussion about whether or not FEMA would delay the deadline for implementation if the county would commit to providing better topographic data. Much concern was expressed by affected property owners who will be negatively impacted if the proposed maps are adopted by the county.

Schneider/Mai motion to provide a resolution to county board to request a delay in implementation of the DFIRM maps and make a commitment in getting better topographic data via LiDAR and pursue all possible sources of funding for completing the project. Motion carried.

Mary Williams indicated that she can prepare a resolution to go before the Assembly to support our request in delaying the deadline.

Willingham adjourned the meeting at 4:07 P.M.

CeCe Tesky, Zoning Administrator