Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:19 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Dave Willingham, Kathy Mai, Tom Costello, Cliff Taylor and Phil Schneider. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Monica Kenealy.

Taylor/Mai motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting and public hearing. Carried.

The next meeting will be on March 10th, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.

BILLS

Schneider/Costello motion to approve bills. Carried.

CSM’s

2 lot land division for Duane Reineke in the Town of Big Bend. Reineke’s wish to do a condominium because they have 2 dwellings on their property and they wish to divide ownership of each of the dwellings. They have two adjoining lots and both dwellings are on one lot. They need 200’ of water frontage to complete the condo plat. They would like to add frontage to the west lot and map the east lot as an outlot. Tesky met with the owners, their attorney and surveyor to discuss this proposal. Schneider/Costello motion to approve CSM. Carried.

5 lot land division for Secluded Land in the Town of Washington. Stewart Preston from Secluded Land had met with the committee at a previous meeting to review the preliminary map of this development. The lot and road configuration had changed since the preliminary map was considered. The property is zoned forestry and the lots meet minimum size requirements. The township has denied the road as a town road. The road must be built to standards in the subdivision ordinance. Taylor/Costello motion to approve the CSM’s. Carried.

1 lot land division for Jane Nelson in the Town of Flambeau. The owners are selling 1.74 acres of the total 40 acres. The smaller parcel has the house and garage on it. Property is zoned Agricultural and meets minimum size requirements. Taylor/Costello motion to approve CSM. Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Request for out of county travel – Northern Region DNR.Zoning meeting – Phillips, WI, February 16th – no overnight travel. Costello/Schneider motion to approve out of county travel. Carried.

Floodplain Ordinance update – FEMA and WI DNR responses. Tesky received a letter today from Julia McCarthy of FEMA, regarding her review of the county’s ordinance revisions. The letter stated that Rusk County was suspended from the NFIP because the
revisions did not meet the requirements. Tesky has not yet received a letter from FEMA telling Rusk County that they are suspended. Tesky e-mailed Julia, asking where the official notification is. Taylor County does not participate in the NFIP, nor have they ever. Discussion followed regarding appealing FEMA’s decision that our revisions do not meet federal requirements. Committee asked Tesky to contact Theil concerning appeal requests and find out if FEMA is still willing to meet with the county to discuss priority list established by FEMA in their January letter.

Closed regular meeting at 3:00 PM to open public hearing. (See separate minutes.)

Closed public hearing at 4:21 P.M. to re-open regular meeting.

Willingham asked the committee if they wanted to discuss and vote right away or wait to make a decision. The committee discussed it and decided to make a decision today. The committee voiced concerns that the campground has not been established during a full season since it wasn’t approved by Department of Health until September 30, 2009. They would like to evaluate the progress of the campground. There were also concerns about limiting the number of attendees at the music events and how it would be enforced. Costello/Mai motion to deny the request for outdoor music at the Nitek bar/campground and to leave it as is.

   In favor: Mai, Costello, Willingham
   Opposed: Schneider
   Obstained: Taylor
Motion Carried.

2009 Zoning Office Annual Report. Tesky handed out to the committee the annual report to look over. Willingham suggested it be put on the agenda for the County Board.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Tesky indicated that the zoning office was audited by the Department of Commerce. Floodplain continues to be an issue. She received a call from FEMA (during the meeting today) and they said the notice of suspension is stated in the Federal Register and that was the official notice to Rusk County.

Costello/Mai motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 P.M.

Monica S. Kenealy
Secretary/Bookkeeper