Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:45 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were Dave Willingham, Kathy Mai, Tom Costello and Phil Schneider. Member absent: Cliff Taylor. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Monica Kenealy.

Schneider/Costello motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting and public hearings. Carried.

The next meeting will be on April 7, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.

**BILLS**

Costello/Schneider motion to approve bills. Carried.

**CSM’s**

None.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Floodplain Ordinance** - Tesky had forwarded to the committee a copy of Feingold’s letter to FEMA. She stated that the zoning office has received quite a few phone calls regarding people’s inability to purchase flood insurance. Most people are able to get a LOMA since they can’t get flood insurance. New maps are being used even though Rusk County is suspended.

Willingham stated that he spoke with Jeri from Feingold’s office and they wrote the letter in response to that phone call. Willingham thinks congressional representation should be at the next meeting with FEMA so everyone knows what’s going on. Tesky stated that she has forwarded a request and pertinent information to Bill Thiel, but hasn’t yet heard back from him.

**Update on language in 17.57 6.2 – Vegetation Protection Area.**

Tesky gave the committee a copy of the language. Corporation Counsel has concerns about the way the language is worded in regards to the section which states “vegetation removal is prohibited”. Tesky also handed out language from the newly adopted NR115, which states that counties shall “prohibit removal of vegetation in the vegetative buffer zone…”

Discussion continued on how to change the language. The committee asked that Corporation Counsel provide language that is more suitable.
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Tesky has been working on the NR135 report which is due to the state by the end of the month. She has also been working on violations of septics and holding tanks. The zoning office is getting a lot more phone calls regarding building permits, but is still spending most of the time on floodplain questions.

Costello/Mai motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 P.M.

Monica S. Kenealy
Secretary/Bookkeeper