ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Vice-Chairman Mai 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: Kathy Mai, Phil Schneider and County Board Chair Randy Tatur. Tom Costello, John Stencil and David Willingham were excused. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Schneider-Tatur to approve the 01-11-2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Tesky brought back the annual report to see if any committee members had questions or changes. There were none. Tesky will present the annual report at the February County Board meeting.

Floodplain-LiDar resolution: Tesky explained that the RFP was completed and it will be in the Ladysmith News this week. Larry Gotham also sent the RFP to several contractors. Proposals will be opened on February 18 and the notice of award would be February 22. Tatur commented on the LiDar seminar that was held in Eau Claire and thought it was informative. Tesky explained that FEMA has stated they will remap certain areas of the county and LiDar would be helpful to anyone doing a LOMA. Mai added that it can be used to manage woodlands. Motion by Schneider-Mai to send the resolution approving LiDar to the county board without recommendation. Motion carried.

At 3:13 P.M. Mai recessed the zoning meeting to open a public hearing for a variance request to allow an easement less than 66’ wide in the Town of Rusk for Erickson Land Trust No 99. Tesky explained the request. Copies of the area and proposed lots were sent to the committee. The current easement serving the property is not a defined width. There are standards required on private roads in the subdivision ordinance. Larry Gotham was present to speak on behalf of the property owners. Gotham explained that Dark Lake Corp. has requirements that all land go to direct descendents. The current lot is 300’ wide and the owners want to sell one lot to another family member. The division would meet shoreland standards. 1100’ of the easement is owned by the corporation and the petitioners do not have authority over that land. The existing easement is well-maintained and is plowed.

Tesky read letters from Bolman and Coe in opposition to the variance request.

The letters referred to the covenants on the land, the committee only has authority to enforce the ordinance. Gotham stated they will try to make the lots equal in size to meet the covenants. There being no further testimony, Mai closed the public hearing at 3:34 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting.

Tesky explained that a variance is issued on a site specific basis. There is one lot being created. The outlots are a result of the ordinance requirements and will remain with their respective lots for perpetuity. Motion by Schneider-Tatur to approve the request on the road easement and note that the committee was not acting on any covenants and further approvals may be needed by the applicant. Motion carried.
Reviewed job description for POWTS intern. Position would be from June 1 – Sept 15 in 2011. Motion by Schnedier-Tatur to submit the job description to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Schnedier-Tatur to adjourn at 3:50 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator