Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:40 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were: David Willingham, Kathy Mai, Phil Schneider, Karl Fisher and Tom Costello. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Costello/Schneider to approve the 4-12-2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Costello-Mai to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Non-conforming structures: Section 10.332 regarding structures that are less than 35’ from the ordinary high water mark states that no additions are permitted outside of the building envelope, which by definition specifically excludes “screened porches, decks, patios and similar construction.” The ordinance does permit deck and porch replacement in the same footprint and location as the existing deck. Tesky explained that her interpretation of this section is that decks, porches and patios are in the same category and has allowed people to interchange them, for instance change a deck into a porch. Tesky spoke with Summerfield, and he was in agreement with her decision. There is currently a request to enclose an open patio which is very close to the water. If the committee doesn’t want this type of change to be made, there would need to be a change made to the language in the shoreland ordinance.

Update on LiDAR: On April 13, Kucera stated they would contact Kaiser to set up ground control. As of May 9th, Kaiser has not been contacted. Tesky reminded them that the ground control needs to meet FEMA standards.

FEMA CAV: Tesky hoped we would have been sent a letter regarding reinstatement into the NFIP. Received a letter on May 9, which removed 60 of the potential violations. There are 81 remaining issues to be taken care of. Tesky explained that she has already responded to most of those issues. Tesky explained that within 30 days of the letter she needs to respond to let FEMA know how permits in or near the floodplain are handled. She has 90 days to provide permit information on the 81 remaining issues.

POWTS Inventory Intern: The state is requiring all counties to have a septic inventory of all systems by 2013. The office will be hiring an intern to work on the inventory. The deadline for applications is May 20. Motion by Costello/Fisher to allow the Zoning Administrator to review applications, interview and choose the intern. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator report: Tesky explained that permits are down. The Department of Commerce audit has been completed and she has been busy with FEMA issues.

Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:35 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator