

LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 14, 2022

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 3:03 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Shane Sanderson, Jonathan Unterschuetz, Terry Wedwick, and Mark Schmitt. Staff present: Yvonne Johnson, Verna Nielsen, Nick Stadnyk, Mary Berg, Colleen Schott, and John Fitzl via zoom.

Schmitt/Unterschuetz motion to approve the committee minutes from the May 10th meeting. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Payment Approval Reports: Unterschuetz/Sanderson motion to approve. Motion carried.

Land Information Report: Fitzl reported 21 new address applications in May. Working on the 2021 grant report that will be submitted by the June 30th deadline. The DOA has accepted their report. Land information will be receiving a \$60,000 grant. Didn't get any bids on RFP for the town of Lawrence. Fitzl contacted Rusk Surveying regarding a bid and they submitted one. He will resubmit to surveyors. Fitzl asked if the committee could hold a special meeting to open bid. He would like to start a maintenance program and needs the corners to be complete first. Meeting will be held at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday June 21st to open bid.

Register of Deeds Report: Berg stated there were 354 recordings an increase of 43. Vitals were 196 in May. Added two more to the Honors Rewards program. Completed the back indexing of CSM's and started on plats and subdivisions.

Treasurer Report: Nielsen reported 4 plat books were sold last month. There are 8 properties in tax deed. Probably be taking two off by the deadline and have 6 remaining. The new bill is complicated and may have to get corporation counsel involved.

Zoning Report: Johnson stated the Land Use Permits to date are at 195 compared to 181 last year. Sanitary permits are currently at 37 in comparison to 63 in 2021. A total of 292 camper permits have been issued compared to 258 at this time last year. The total number of camper permits for 2021 were 290. Colleen sent out 15 letters for unpermitted campers in May. To date 7 have been resolved and the remaining 8 have until June 17 to apply. Johnson did an onsite with DNR regarding the oxbow filling. The Town of Grant received a copy of the letter sent from the DNR. Will be sending a citation to the owners. Sent out 5 enforcement letters. Garage not meeting setback, a salvage yard issue, possible campground on property less than 5 acres. Issued 2 citations since last meeting. Multiple campers on property. Owner paid citation but has not yet contacted zoning or brought the property into compliance. The second citation is for a holding tank not being legally pumped. Sent letter requesting pumping records. Mailed out 1904 septic maintenance notices and will be sending out holding tank reminders. Updated the committee on the Town of Atlanta issue of trying to opt out of comprehensive zoning. Gave

committee members the letter received from the town and the response letter sent to the town by Jeremy Koslowski. Will keep the committee informed as things progress.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:30 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Flambeau for Dana Franson. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:34 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Wedwick/Schmitt to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:35 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Rusk for Flock & Rock Trust. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:39 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Sanderson/Unterschuetz to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:04 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to rezone from Agriculture to Residential-Recreational 2 in the Town of Washington for Aaron Zwiefelhofer. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 4:15 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Unterschuetz/Schmitt to approve the resolution as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Approved to go to County Board. Motion carried.

Land Conservation Report: Stadnyk stated the LiDAR data is in motion. The department projects are up. Working with Dylan from DNR on issue with fill in wetland is now resolved. Intern starts tomorrow. Looking forward to getting projects done. He explained the drone and its capabilities and benefits to the departments.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:31 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a temporary asphalt plant in the Town of Flambeau for petitioner Monarch paving. Owner is Haas Sons, Inc. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 4:37 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Schmitt/Wedwick to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Fitzl explained the issue with the Town of Washington address signs. The town was required to change a road name but the town had just purchased new signs and don't want to pay for the new signs. Fitzl is requesting the county pay for the signs but not wanting to set a precedent. Willingham stated a policy needs to be drafted for these types of situations. Fitzl will create the policy and submit at next meeting. Motion by Schmitt/Sanderson to approve the request from the Town of Washington to reimburse for address signs. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be July 12, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 4:48 P.M.

Colleen Schott Zoning Technician