

# LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 9, 2024

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 3:01 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center.

**Members Present:** David Willingham, Jonathan Unterschuetz, Terry Wedwick, and Dan Gudis.

**Staff Present:** Yvonne Johnson, Verna Nielsen, Nick Stadnyk, and Colleen Schott.

**Approve minutes:** Unterschuetz/Gudis motion to approve the committee minutes from the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

**No public comment.**

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

**Land Information Report:** Fitzl not present. Stadnyk read report. Currently working on annual DOA data submission and reconciliation of LTSB data for election purposes. Researching which Township to do for the next RFP for remonumentation. Considering the South half of the Town of Lawrence. Received approval for 2024 grant cycle of base budget and strategic initiative grants. Has sent the contract for 2024 Spring ortho flight. Ayers will do the flyover in the Spring.

**Register of Deeds Report:** Berg not present. Johnson read report. Recordings up by 12 documents. There were 255 total documents in December. Total document in 2023 were 3054 vs 3729 in 2022. Vitals were down by 16 records. 236 total vital records issued in December. Total vital records issued for 2023 were 2796 compared to 2275 in 2022. An increase of 521. Signed up 1 veteran and 1 business to the Honor Rewards program. Rusk County Farm Supply if offering 10% off in store purchase. Mary continuing to back index Plats. Crystal is back scanning old documents and has started to work on indexing documents from the back-scanning project.

**Treasurer Report:** Nielsen reported they have sold 36 plat books in December. A comparison to previous years plat books sold has determined sales are down. There are 20 parcels on tax deed. Hope to have about 7 to 9 total.

**Zoning Report:** Johnson stated the year end Land Use Permits are at 367 compared to 376 in 2022. Sanitary permits year end at 128 in comparison to total of 115 in 2022. The 2023 camper total of 344. Working on annual report for the February meeting. Send out camper renewal notices next week. Preparing for the POWTS audit. Four citations in court today. One plead not guilty the other three guilty. Many enforcement issues still pending.

**Land Conservation Report:** Stadnyk stated the Beacon website is up and running. Working with a property owner wetland issue. Also working on seminar with Highway department. For 2024 projects: have a new storage pit, wetland restoration, and the wild rice on Lea Lake.

**CSM Review:** One lot map in the Town of True for Mark Loeser. Meets minimum lot size. Motion by Unterschuetz/Gudis to approve. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action:** Out of county travel – Fitzl, Simmons requesting to go to WLIA Conference in Green Bay. Motion to approve Gudis/Unterschuetz Motion carried.  
Out of County for 2024 – Johnson requesting travel for all NW District meetings for 2024. Motion by Wedwick/Unterschuetz to approve. Motion carried.

Johnson explained the withdrawn Public Hearing requested by Haas Sons, Inc.

**Public Hearing:** Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:20 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Washington for James Flater. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:23 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Gudis/Unterschuetz to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:27 P.M.

Colleen Schott, Zoning Technician