

# LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 3:00 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center.

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

**Staff Present:** Yvonne Johnson, Verna Nielsen, Nick Stadnyk, Mary Berg, John Fitzl, and Colleen Schott.

**Approve minutes:** Unterschuetz/Gudis motion to approve the committee minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

**No public comment.**

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

**Land Information Report:** Fitzl working on parcel splits with Rebecca monthly rather than at the end of the year. Going well. There were 9 fire numbers for the month. Received an email from the election board regarding a conflict with voting lines with the City and the State. Waiting to hear back from the State.

**Register of Deeds Report:** Berg reported recordings and vitals are up. Recordings increased by 31 documents. Vitals increased by 60 records. WRDA may be increasing costs from \$30.000 to \$45.00. This would be state wide.

**Treasurer Report:** Nielsen reported they sold 51 platbooks. Sold one property on tax deed for \$58,000. There are currently 66 delinquent tax parcels.

**Zoning Report:** Johnson stated the Land Use Permits to date are 343 compared to 363 in 2022. Sanitary permits are currently at 117 in comparison to 111 in 2022. 344 camper permits to date. There were 5 new dwellings for the month of October. Board of Adjustment will meet on December 4 for two variance requests. A total of 12 enforcement letters were sent out of which 8 have been resolved.

**Land Conservation Report:** Stadnyk stated the new WebGuide replacement website, Beacon, is being tested and will be operational soon. Currently making corrections. Sent out grants and recieved the DMA grant. Wrapping up projects. Looking to do draw down water from Lake for wild rice.

**Public Hearing:** Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:20 P.M. to open a public hearing for a variance request to allow a property that does not have frontage on a public road in the Town of Washington for D Bar properties LLC. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:26 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Schmitt/Gudis to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action:**

Budget update: Assuming the budget has passed.

Fee Schedule: Handouts were given to committee. Johnson gave explanation of changes to the fee schedule. Broke down the areas of increase and changes to the fee schedule. Motion to approve changes and bring to County Board. Unterschuetz/Gudis. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:41 P.M. to open a public hearing for a variance request where the length of the lot will exceed six times the width in the Town of Hubbard for Linde and Anthony Vacho Trust. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:49 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Gudis/Schmitt to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:00 P.M. to open a public hearing for a conditional use request to allow a home-based business (wine bar) in the Town of Atlanta for Charles & Lorraine Toman. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 4:04 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Unterschuetz/Schmitt to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 4:10 P.M.

Colleen Schott, Zoning Technician