



MINUTES

**ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014, 7:15 P.M.
ROCK COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS – CRAIG CENTER
JANESVILLE WI**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Bostwick called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee to order at 7:17 p.m. Chair Bostwick made an announcement for people attending the meeting and for those whom signed the register to speak to the committee.

Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Tom Brien, Wes Davis, Jason Dowd, Rick Richard, Alan Sweeney and Larry Wiedenfeld.

Committee Members Excused: Dave Rebut

Staff Present: Tom Sweeney, LCD

Others Present: Becky Haase and John Schwartz, Enbridge and Bruce Noble, Grassroots Pipeline Awareness Group.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Bostwick noted he is moving agenda items 3 and 5 to after agenda item 6. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the agenda with Chair's recommended changes, seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** At this time the Committee Chair noted that 5 individuals registered to speak. If any further attendees would like to speak to the committee, they can sign a form on the table. With that the Chair called Holly Denning. Ms. Denning spoke on the need to develop a full Environmental Impact Statement for this project. The Chair called John K. Endrizzi. Mr Endrizzi spoke on the need for a full Environmental Impact Statement for the project noting that 6 counties have taken action requesting the DNR to complete an EIS. Mr. Endrizzi mentioned the Kalamazoo River spill that resulted from a ruptured Enbridge pipeline. Chair Bostwick called Linda Wyeth. Ms Wyeth spoke on a spill in Clark County. Ms. Wyeth continued noting the issue of 4 pipelines in the corridor easement owned by Enbridge and that Enbridge's line 61 will move more heavy crude than the proposed Keystone XL. Ms. Wyeth closed her statements with a need to increase the Emergency Management Coordinator and teams training for pipeline spills. The Chair called Lynn Shoemaker. Ms Shoemaker spoke on the Walworth County Board action regarding a resolution calling for an Environmental Impact Statement. Ms. Shoemaker continued with the public's right to know about the contents of the line as it relates to First Responders. The Chair called Charles Ogg. Mr. Ogg spoke in favor of an environmental impact statement and an increase in the number of public hearings. No further citizens asked to address the Committee.
6. **Discussion and Possible action; Enbridge proposal to increase flow rates for Pipeline 61 and the need for an updated Environmental Impact Statement.** Chair Bostwick made a statement as to the order of this agenda item and noted no action would occur this evening. Chair Bostwick asked Becky Haase, Enbridge to start her presentation. Ms. Haase noted about 15% of total U.S. petroleum imports arrives via Enbridge's Lakehead System through Superior, WI. Through these lines Enbridge meets 70% of the Midwest refineries needs. Crude oil supply from western Canada and Bakken Formation (North Dakota & Montana) is increasing

while reducing imports from outside North America. Studies show crude oil from the Oil Sands Region of Alberta, Canada has the same low level of corrosive properties as "conventional" heavy crude. Crude from the Oil Sands Region runs at the same temperatures as "conventional" heavy crude. Heavy crude from the Oil Sands Region has been transported through pipelines for over 45 years. Ms. Haase made a comparison to the number of rail cars and tanker trucks needed to move the same volume of crude as the pipeline. Ms. Haase continued her presentation as it relates to pipeline operations safety and increased flow rates. Phase II will bring the line 61 to the designed flow of 1.2 million barrels per day. Ms. Haase continued with the permitting process and permit received for the upgrade of the line 61 project. Ms. Haase concluded with noting the national and local benefits associated with this project. Chair Bostwick thanked Ms. Haase.

Chair Bostwick asked Bruce Noble to begin his presentation. The presentation started with a short video. Mr. Noble stated that his efforts are associated with educating the public. Mr. Noble continued his presentation comparing the Environmental Assessment to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), noting the EIS is comprehensive study. Mr. Noble said that Enbridge had three oil spills in Wisconsin between January 2007 and July 2012. Mr. Noble asked the Committee to please consider developing a resolution to protect the Health, Welfare and Safety of the citizens of Rock County and the State of Wisconsin. Mr. Noble stated he will not be present in the future, stating he is doing this for future generations. The effort is an indebted educational effort since none of the group receives reimbursements for their efforts. Mr. Noble stated that the pipelines are maybe the safest mode of transporting heavy crude, but asked how safe? Pipelines are based on risk and probability. Mr. Noble used a visual prop of peanut butter to show the viscosity of the heavy crude before it is treated so that it can move through the pipeline. Since 1949 Enbridge has used pipelines to move heavy crude. He stated that the public was asleep and now are becoming more aware of these types issues. Mr. Noble stated since awareness has increased, there is a need of complete transparency of this type of issue. Mr. Noble compared Line 61 to other lines that transect Walworth County stating the proposed line pressures in line 61 will far exceed the other lines. Mr. Noble thanked the Committee.

After the presentations were completed, Chair Bostwick opened the floor to the Committee to ask questions of the invited speakers.

Supervisor Dowd asked Ms. Haase regarding the human factor as it relates to qualifications for operators of the safety network and further referenced the Marshall MI report of the Kalamazoo River Spill. Ms. Haase stated as a result of the failures in the spill referenced, Enbridge has implemented numerous changes from overhauling control centers, changing protocol of alarms, added additional over sites, and implemented additional training requirements of their staff. Supervisor Dowd continued by asking Ms. Haase about local Hazmat response times if a spill were to happen in Rock County. Ms. Haase requested John Schwartz answer this question. Mr. Schwartz stated that the Enbridge response team is located in Ft. Atkinson, which would be the first on site spill evaluators. A spill remediation team is located in mid Illinois. When a line failure is detected, i.e. drop in pressure the control center can shut down the line within a few minutes and activate the Enbridge's team to investigate. Mr. Schwartz noted that Enbridge has a training program for local Firefighters, which includes computer simulators and tabletop training programs. Supervisor Dowd continued with one last question regarding potential exposure to heavy crude and dilutants. Ms. Haase stated that all materials transported in the lines must have a MSMD sheet available per federal laws, which are available. She will send them to Tom Sweeney. Supervisor Davis asked Ms. Haase if Enbridge has a Geologist on staff for investigations of potential ground water contamination from spills. Ms. Haase stated that Enbridge does not. Supervisor Davis asked about pipeline pressures near and at the pump station and how Enbridge deals with the increased pressures in those areas. Ms. Haase stated that the wall thicknesses of the pipes are increased to handle the additional pressures. Supervisor Brien referenced the Adams County spill asking Ms. Haase to explain the issue as it relates to the cause. Ms. Haase noted that a material failure occurred, but the spill was kept to a minimum. Supervisor Sweeney asked if the Town of Lima had issued a CUP for the upgrade

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of the Delevan Pump station. Ms. Haase stated she wasn't aware of any CUP. She will follow up with Tom Sweeney. Supervisor Sweeney stated that Emergency Responders need to be certified and have hands on training as each spill will be different in nature. Supervisor Sweeney asked if the pressure transmitters and values reference earlier are located near environmentally sensitive areas. Ms. Haase responded with a review some of the locations, Turtle Creek and Rock River crossings. These are checked on a regular schedule. Supervisor Richard referenced the Rock County Tax benefits if any and followed that question with one that related to Wetland protections. Ms. Haase stated that Enbridge pays the state of Wisconsin a property tax on the pipeline and believes the funds are placed in the general fund. As for the wetlands, Enbridge does have systems in place, as referenced earlier for protection. Supervisor Richard inquired about MSDS sheets for all products moved in the pipelines and can anyone obtain copies? Ms. Haase stated that she will forward all MSDS sheets to Tom Sweeney. Supervisor Dowd asked Ms. Haase if there is a fear for a full Environmental Impact Statement regarding this project. Ms. Haase stated that Enbridge followed the state requirements. Chair Bostwick stated that if Enbridge developed a full Environmental Impact Statement, done on Enbridge's cost that it would go a long way to reduce the fears of this project. Supervisor Richard stated that Enbridge should implement the 4 C's, Communication, Collaboration, Cleanup and Compensation as they relate to spills. Chair Bostwick asked the Committee if there were any additional questions by the Committee. Hearing none Chair Bostwick thanked the guest speakers and stated a 5 minute break would commence @ 9:58 pm.

The Committee reconvened their meeting @ 10:05 pm.

3. **Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2014:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting, seconded by Supervisor Dowd. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Supervisor Richard moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
7. **Resolution - Approval of Conveyance Agreement and Escrow Instructions for the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program.** Tom Sweeney reviewed the resolution. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Davis. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Review of 2015 Recommended Budget:** Tom Sweeney reviewed the Administrator's recommended budget for 2015, noting three items were changed from the proposed budget. The most significant was the reallocation of PACE staff dollars back to the ATC fund. A short discussion ensued.
9. **Adjourn:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to adjourn the October 15, 2014 Land Conservation Committee meeting at 10:27pm, seconded by Supervisor Brien. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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