

MINUTES OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION HELD ON  
OCTOBER 1, 2012  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY OFFICES  
AT 110 W. WATER STREET  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

Vice-Chairman Jerry Gaspardo called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Those present were: Jerry Gaspardo, Rudy Piskule, Eddie Hoerner, Gene McKinley, Dee Woodburn and Scott Sand.

Those absent were: Michael Haberkorn, Barb Sancken, Verne Taylor, Keith Bahler, Dean Wahls and Luke Bartlett.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

With no recommendations for additions, or amendments to the agenda for this meeting, Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Rudy Piskule, that this agenda for the meeting be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Minutes for the February 6, 2012, meeting were presented and Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that these minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CASES

Case SU-5-12; Pertains to a request from Enbridge Energy, for a special use to allow for a pump station, as part of an oil distribution center, in an AG, Agricultural, District. The property in question in this zoning case is located in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34 of Pontiac Township, a Notice of public hearing has been made and surrounding property owners have been notified of this proposed special use. The zoning board of appeals is scheduled to review this zoning case at their October 4, 2012 meeting. Mr. Schopp reviewed his report and other pertinent information pertaining to this proposed special use.

Present at this meeting for the applicant were Chris Spesia, an attorney with Spesia & Ayers, Jennifer Smith, a community relations advisor with Enbridge, and Keith McLaughlin, the manager with Enbridge being the facilities design & construction manager for the Flanagan South Project.

Mr. Spesia related that they planned on using about 16 acres of their property across Route 23 east of their existing facility, and that a large seeded berm will be placed around the proposed pump station facility. Mr. Spesia commented about how this project would add jobs to the area, and increase the assessed evaluation of the property.

Jennifer Smith handed out folders to the planning commission members that contained information pertaining to Enbridge. Jennifer explained that Enbridge operates the largest liquids pipeline. Jennifer Smith then walked through the material in the Enbridge informational folders, starting with the overall systems map noting that much of the oil being transported by Enbridge through Livingston County originates in Canada. Jennifer then mentioned that an existing separate pipeline goes from the rural Pontiac facility to Cushing Oklahoma.

Jennifer noted that Enbridge also has some natural gas systems, and wind and solar projects in other parts of North America. She mentioned that they are considering a number of expansion projects because of the demand for Canadian crude.

Jennifer Smith then referred to the folder informational sheet that pertains to the Flanagan South Pipeline Project. This project will add a 36 inch diameter pipeline between their Livingston County Terminal to their Cushing Okla. Terminal. This pipeline will be able to transport 600,000 barrels per day, paralleling the existing pipeline transporting 175,000 barrels per day will give them an ability to transport up to 775,000 barrels per day along this route. Construction on this project is to begin in mid-2013 with this pipeline to have an in-service date in mid-2014. Enbridge is considering more open houses about this project. The reason for this pipeline is that it is demand driven by shippers.

Continuing with the information in the folders, Jennifer Smith related that the orange brochure related to operating safely, other folder brochures referred to built-in safety and emergency preparedness. New on-line training is also being developed. Additional brochures pertain to petroleum fueling our lives and safely transporting North America's largest reserve of crude oil, which refers to monitoring the pipelines. A sample of a public awareness mailing was also included in the folder information. A discussion then took place in regard to the product or grade or type of oil being transported through this line. A discussion in regard to the existing line being a line that starts out as 24" that reduces to 20" about 2/3rds. of the way to Cushing.

Keith McLaughlin of Enbridge then commented on the proposed project, and the type of pipe to be used. Mr. McLaughlin mentioned that the new pump station will be within a building, which will control leaks and provide noise attenuation and a better work environment for their employees. The new station will not be any louder than what you hear at an existing terminal. The oil will start at the existing facility and will be pumped under the road starting at the custody transfer meters going to a prover to the pump station running through four pumps in a series, with a fifth spare pump available. The oil will then move through the pig launching area, and this area has multiple purposes. Mr. McLaughlin then related as to how batch pig separators' are placed in the pipeline, and recovered down line. The potential expansion of the area with more tanks on the subject area was discussed, but only the proposed pump station is being proposed tonight. The construction of new tanks, replacing tanks that had been demolished, on the existing site was then discussed.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that last week some core work was done on the property on the east side of Route 23. A discussion in regards to safety factors in regard to crossing the creek on the subject property then took place. For any further expansion projects they will come back through the zoning process for those projects.

Mr. Spesia mentioned about how they are federally regulated and they follow those rules, and the Enbridge wants to be a good neighbor and go through the local process, though the US Department of Transportation is their main regulating agency. EPA and State rules also must be complied with by Enbridge.

A discussion on how pipelines are bored under waterways, including the Mississippi River, then took place. How these pipelines are then tested including hydro testing was then explained. The amount of electrical power needed was then discussed. The existing power available to them is enough to run the planned pumps, but if more pumps are to be placed on their property another potential 138 Kv line will be brought in, which would also expand power in the area. Booster pump stations were then discussed, with 6 booster stations being planned from Livingston County to Cushing. Pressure and potential earthquake actions were then discussed. Ruptures are sensed with their leak detection system and sections of the pipeline can be shut down, at their 55 to 57 valves along the line. A discussion on the existing pipeline then took place.

A discussion on the old pipeline then took place, including how that station and system has been upgraded. The new pumping station will be state of the art. This older pipeline will not be used and will continue to be used under less pressure with a different lighter grade of product. Eventually that older line may be taken out of service. A question on lighting the proposed pumping station was then made. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that since this pumping station will be within a building the site will be lit similar as to how a farmstead is lit.

The creek running through the property was discussed. Mr. McLaughlin further discussed the site plan, noting a containment berm and a drainage pond on the property. The line that was brought into the existing facility from the north in 2007-2008 was then discussed along with the way pipelines are constructed and laid in the ground. The proposed construction time frame was then discussed. Pipeline leaks causes and responses were then discussed. Potential conditions were then discussed.

Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Eddie Hoerner, that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission recommend the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case SU-5-12, to allow for a special use for a pumping station location, as part of an oil distribution center, in an AG, Agricultural, District, as outlined in the applicant's special use application. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

In other business:

The planning commission members were informed that their meetings will be moved back into the newly remodeled historic courthouse starting in January. Though the time of these meetings may be moved back to start at 7:30 p.m. to avoid conflicts with other meetings.

The regional planning commission members were informed that wind energy projects are generally at a standstill, with the exception of the Minonk Wind project at which construction of the turbines will be completed in October and the project will be operational by the end of the year.

All of Enbridge's potential projects were mentioned to the planning commission members.

The auction of and the idled status of Manville Church Camp was mentioned to the planning commission members.

The next scheduled meeting for the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission is planned for December unless a need for a meeting in November is critical.

Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Scott Sand, that the meeting be adjourned. This was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.