JEFFERSON COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

DRAINAGE OF LANDS

WIS. STAT. CHAPTER 88

TALKING POINTS:

• Jefferson County allocated property tax levy to pay for Farm Drainage Board expenses for several years. A summary of the budget for the 2019 and 2020 allocations of property tax levy is as follows:

Account			2018	2019 6-Month	2019	2019	2020	2020
Number	Project	Description	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Amended	Admin	Adopted
11406 -F	arm Dra	inage Board						
REVENUE	ES							
411100		General Property Taxes	4,315	4,314	8,627	8,627	10,005	10,005
REVENUES	TOTAL		4,315	4,314	8,627	8,627	10,005	10,005
EXPENDI	TURES							
511110		Salary-Permanent Regular	-	-	3,300	3,300	-	-
		SALARIES TOTAL	-	-	3,300	3,300	-	-
512141		Social Security	-	-	252	252	-	-
		FRINGE TOTAL	-	-	252	252	-	-
		TOTAL SALARIES AND FRINGES	-	-	3,552	3,552	-	-
514151		Per Diem	3,680	3,735	4,120	-	4,000	4,000
521212		Legal	5,946	3,261	3,870	2,500	3,000	3,000
531312		Office Supplies	134	165	200	200	250	250
531313		Printing & Duplicating	128	42	100	100	130	130
531324		Membership Dues	100	100	100	100	100	100
531349		Other Operating Expenses	155	232	240	-	250	250
532325		Registration	25	-	-	-	-	-
532332		Mileage	770	1,079	1,302	800	900	900
532335		Meals	45	40	100	100	100	100
571005		Duplicating Allocation	33	-	-	-	-	-
591513		Drainage Board Insurance	1,275	1,275	1,275	1,275	1,275	1,275
		OPERATING EXPENDITURES	12,292	9,929	11,307	5,075	10,005	10,005
		EXPENDITURES TOTAL	12,292	9,929	14,859	8,627	10,005	10,005
		REVENUES	4,315	4,314	8,627	8,627	10,005	10,005
		EXPENDITURES	12,292	9,929	14,859	8,627	10,005	10,005
TOTAL BUS	SINESSI	JNIT-11406 -Farm Drainage Board	7.977	5,616	6,232	_	_	

- Under Section 88.17, the Drainage Board is a body corporate that is a separate legal entity from the County. Its members are appointed by the circuit court.
- Board members can collect a per diem not to exceed \$40.
- The County Board <u>may</u> (not shall) reimburse drainage board members for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in performance of duties <u>on behalf of the County</u>.

• Under Section 88.21, the Board has the power to assess its districts, issue debt and can be sued on its own, among other corporate powers.

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Marc DeVries

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Subject: Executive Order

Good afternoon everyone,

I have received some questions about whether the County will participate in the tax deferral program offered by the President's recent Executive Order. After analyzing the potential benefits to the employees and the County and the costs of implementing the program, we have decided to opt out of the tax deferral program, and therefore will not be deferring the withholding or payment of any payroll taxes.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Marc



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Dear Resident:

In June, we submitted to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin our proposal to build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in the town of Ixonia. The project is needed to enhance the reliability of natural gas supply throughout southeastern Wisconsin, provide significant customer savings and allow greater independence from interstate pipelines. This investment in the community also would provide an additional source of revenue for the town of Ixonia and Jefferson County.

Since our filing, we have had the opportunity to talk with many residents and present our plans at the Ixonia Plan Commission meeting in July. Enclosed for your review is an overview of the project. In addition, we would like to update you about our proposal and address some of the misinformation that has surfaced.

Safety is always our first priority

We have operated similar facilities for over 50 years without an incident. While the type of facility we are proposing is common across the country, this project will incorporate state-of-the-art safety and monitoring features that minimize risks to the public and exceed federal, state, local and industry standards. In addition to regular inspections and 24/7 monitoring, specialized instrumentation is used to detect any potential issues and allow activation of the emergency shutdown system.

The proposed project is being sited on a property that provides a setback from the community in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration requirements to keep any incident contained to our property. We anticipate the project will take up approximately 25 acres of the approximate 165-acre site. This allows for enhanced security and safety measures, including berms, a tank containment area and fencing.

We want to correct the inaccurate information being shared that there is a predetermined "evacuation zone" that could potentially impact properties a mile or more away. This is **not** true. Our footprint has been appropriately sized to provide a safety setback at our site. As is standard with all of our energy infrastructure, including other LNG facilities, we take steps to protect our neighbors and our employees in all we do.

In addition, this facility will be staffed 24/7, and our personnel will coordinate with local emergency responders to provide education about our operations and any specialized training needed.

Benefits to the community

Our company and our facilities have co-existed and played an important role in the development of thriving communities throughout Wisconsin for decades. This investment provides financial benefits to your community, while also allowing continued agricultural land use around the site. The Town of Ixonia is expected to receive more than \$500,000 annually and Jefferson County more than \$1 million annually in shared revenue payments from the State of Wisconsin. This money can be used by the local municipalities as they deem appropriate.

Natural gas service expansion

Natural gas service is currently available in parts of Ixonia. As part of this project, we will be extending natural gas to the site and also would like to expand natural gas service to other interested residents. After we complete our analysis, we will seek approval from state regulators to accommodate this expansion. If you are interested in receiving natural gas service or learning more, call us at 877-380-0522, so we can appropriately evaluate your level of interest and keep you posted on our progress.

Environmental commitment and corporate responsibility

We have a long-standing commitment to protecting the environment and being a responsible corporate citizen. As part of the permitting process through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, an environmental review will be completed prior to design and construction. Preliminary environmental surveys already indicate that the site is suitable for the proposed facility.

To learn more about our environmental efforts and corporate citizenship, review our Corporate Responsibility Report at wecenergygroup.com.

Road conditions and traffic impact

We will complete a traffic study and work with local authorities to develop preferred routes for any truck traffic during construction. We also will work with the town to minimize any traffic impacts and will repair any road damage as a result of construction activities. During normal operation of the facility, we anticipate minimal truck traffic.

Keeping you informed

We will host informational sessions by appointment Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Chivaree located at N8345 Park St. in Ixonia for anyone interested in learning more about the project. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, appointments will be scheduled every 30 minutes from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a limited number of people in each session to ensure adequate spacing. We also will be following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety guidelines and the state requirements for face masks. Please call us at 877-380-0522 to learn more about the project or to set up an appointment for the information meeting.

We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

Sincerely,

Rick O'Conor

Project Manager

Proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project



Town of Ixonia



Southeastern Wisconsin is in need of additional natural gas supply to heat homes and businesses on the coldest days of the year. We are proposing to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facility that will enhance the reliability of our natural gas supply, deliver significant customer savings and make us less dependent on interstate gas pipelines.

At LNG facilities, natural gas is taken from the existing underground pipeline system during the summer months when demand is the lowest, cooled until it turns to a liquid, and then stored in a tank until needed. During winter, when demand for natural gas is high, the LNG is warmed and returned to its natural gas form and delivered to our customers for heating their homes, cooking meals and meeting other needs.

Safety

We Energies safely and reliably delivers the energy customers need every day. To do this, we make safety our top priority in every aspect of designing and constructing our energy infrastructure. We have operated similar facilities for over 50 years without an incident.

While the facility we are proposing is now common across the country, this project will incorporate state-of-the-art safety and monitoring features that minimize risks to the public and exceed federal, state, local and industry standards. In addition to regular inspections and 24/7 monitoring, instrumentation is used to detect any issues and activate the emergency shutdown system, if needed.

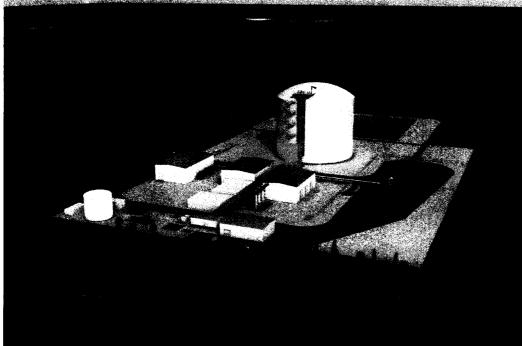
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In addition, our personnel work with local emergency responders to provide education about our operations and any specialized training needed.

Regulatory oversight and timing

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Department of Transportation and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration have regulatory authority over the facility and its location.

A detailed application was submitted to the PSCW in June 2020. The review typically takes about six months to a year. If approved, construction is planned to begin in early to mid-2021, with an expected inservice date of late 2023.



Site renderings:

© Simulation of proposed

LNG facility



3 View of LNG facility from North Road

What's in it for the community?

Local communities will receive shared revenue as a result of this project. The following are estimated annual utility aid amounts:

Counties and towns that will receive utility shared revenue payments	Annual payments*
Jefferson County	\$1,110,000
Town of Ixonia	\$555,000
Total	\$1,665,000

^{*}Based on an estimated net book value of \$185 million for an LNG facility

Questions?

We welcome the opportunity to provide you with more information and answer your questions. To further discuss the project, call 877-380-0522.

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