



Welcome to the first Line 66 newsletter. There is a lot going on! Because the missions of 80 Feet Is Enough! (80feetisenough.org), the Wisconsin Safe Energy Alliance (WiSE-wisconsinsafeenergy.org), and the Wisconsin Easement Action Team (WEAT-wisconsineasementactionteam.org) are so closely related, having overlapping visions and goals, we have decided to issue one newsletter to members/supporters of all three groups that keeps them up-to-date. Our intent is to provide you with information about recent developments regarding oil pipeline issues as well as related upcoming area events. This issue is a kind of “catch all” containing both older and more recent information. Feel free to forward to those whom you feel may be interested or have them contact Keith Merkel at kkemerkel@yahoo.com if they would like to be added to the distribution list.

Meet the new staff!

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Phyllis Hasbrouck and Keith Merkel as part-time employees to work on landowner recruitment and data base management efforts. These positions were made possible by a generous one-year grant from Bold Alliance (boldalliance.org).



Phyllis Hasbrouck is an experienced organizer who has been working against Line 66 since 2013, first as a volunteer, and then as half time paid staff for the Wisconsin Safe Energy Alliance. She is dedicated to stopping the mining and transport of tar sands, the dirtiest fuel on the planet, because it causes more asthma and cancer than any other fuel. She says, "Three members of my immediate family are cancer survivors, and I want to stop the pollution that is taking so many Americans' lives." Originally from Pennsylvania, she is the granddaughter of a dairy farmer, and loves to garden, dance, and be in nature.

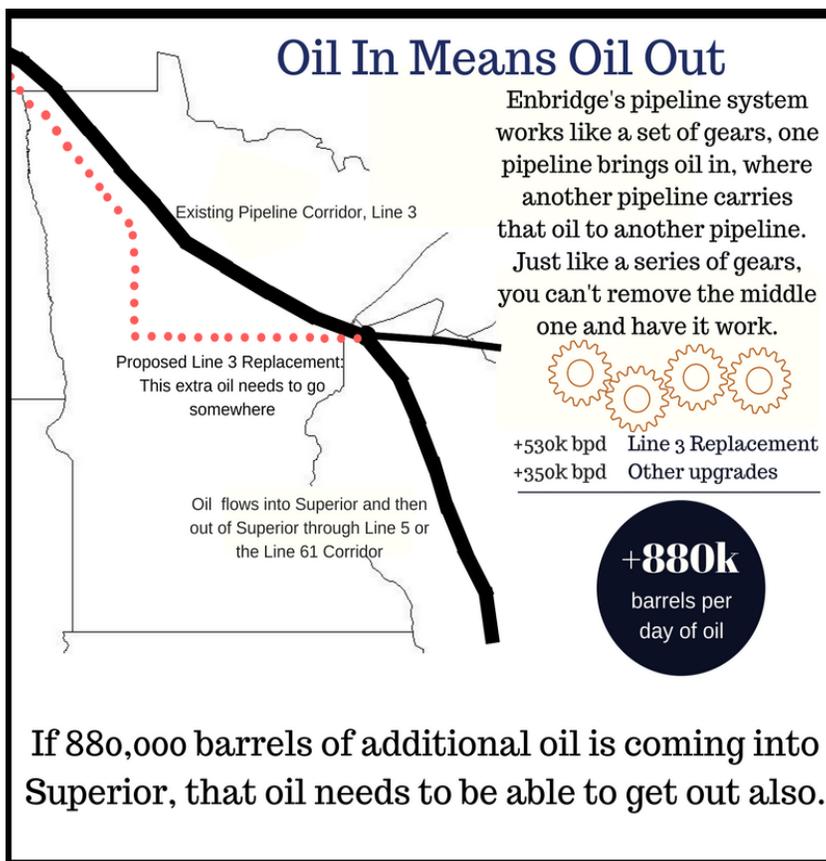


Keith Merkel and his wife purchased their home near Marshfield, WI in 1996 and have experienced two previous Enbridge expansions on their property. He is greatly concerned about the negative effects of Enbridge's plans to acquire easements for a new pipeline such as a further loss of property rights and reduced property values. He is especially concerned about Enbridge now having the ability to use the power of eminent domain against landowners unwilling to grant new easements. He is dedicated to educating landowners about the mission and benefits of joining WEAT. A native of Marshfield, Keith is an at-home dad and an avid outdoorsman with special interests in birds and native habitats preservation/restoration.

Note: The following analysis is based on information from Enbridge's June 2017 Investor Day Presentation

Q. How do we know Enbridge is moving forward with Line 66?

A. Line 66 (or the Line 61-twin) would be just the middle pipeline that helps connect the oil being brought into the United States to other pipelines that carry it south. The pipelines operate like part of a machine or series of gears. If you take away one piece of the machine or one gear, you end up with too much oil in one place and the machine does not work. If more oil comes into Superior, there needs to be another pipeline to carry that oil out of Superior. Therefore, we can look at Enbridge's plans 'upstream' to figure out what will be needed 'downstream' of Superior. In the presentation, Enbridge describes plans to 'replace' Line 3 (actually build a new, bigger pipeline) and to work towards other upgrades that will result in an additional 880,000 barrels per day of oil coming into Superior. With that, there will need to be a pipeline to move that oil out of Superior.



Q. When might Enbridge apply for Wisconsin permits for Line 66?

A. IF Line 3 is permitted in accordance with the current Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) schedule, then Enbridge will need greater capacity in its system downstream from Superior shortly after Line 3 would come online. Enbridge is planning that Line 3 would come online in the second half of 2019. Thus, Enbridge is also likely planning to have Line 66 come online in late 2019 or early 2020. Backing up from this timeframe, construction of Line 66 would likely take about a year, perhaps a bit more, so Enbridge is likely planning to start construction on Line 66 in late 2018 to early 2019. Assuming a nine-month permitting process in WI, this in turn means that the soonest Enbridge might file applications for WI permits is the end of this year, but more likely in spring 2018.

Some contingencies to this timeline:

☒ If the MN process takes longer than Enbridge expects, the schedule for Line 66 could be pushed further into the future.

☒ If there is a significant economic crash in the next 6 months that results in a major oil price drop and a general perception that oil prices will remain low for at least 2-3 more years, it is possible that Enbridge's customers could seek a delay in further pipeline investments.

☒ If a major war broke out in an important overseas crude oil producing region, then oil prices would rise and the industry would push for rapid approval of new pipeline capacity.

Additionally, it appears that Enbridge has renamed a number of its future expansion projects to obscure what they are. For example, Line 66 is actually a continuation of Line 3.

Also, Enbridge claims it can increase capacity on the Mainline (the pipeline system in WI) by 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) *without* its Line 3 Project, by completing various system efficiency and expansion projects, including by discontinuing the use of Line 13 to move diluent to Canada

and instead using it to move tar sands crude to the U.S. Doing this would increase the amount of oil through the system by 150,000 bpd.

The real question is: If Enbridge is going to need to build another pipeline, why are they keeping landowners, County Boards, and the communities that are impacted in the dark? Why wouldn't the landowners (whom they refer to as "family") be some of the first to know?

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Winona LaDuke
White Earth Nation
Co-founder, Honor the Earth
honorearth.org

Assuming MN PUC approvals are granted in the approximate timeline given in the article above, Enbridge will likely begin the easement procurement process in Wisconsin late this year or early next year. **WEAT landowners: Please remember to contact us immediately if/when you are contacted by Enbridge land agents regarding new easements. And be sure to give the land agent a signed copy of the WEAT participant card you received upon joining WEAT.**

Landaddiction property offers update: You may recall hearing from us in early July about a company called Landaddiction that had contacted several landowners about selling their properties. Now, we have heard that other landowners have recently received letters from a different company making similar purchase offers. Besides offering to purchase properties at a very low price, both companies also seem to be interested in purchasing only parcels within the existing pipeline corridor. We do not know if these companies are working with Enbridge behind the scenes to make offers so low that they make Enbridge's future offers look good, or if they are intending to acquire and then resell properties to Enbridge. ***Please let us know if you- or someone you know- receive one of these letters.***

Love Water, Not Oil Ride: Approximately 30 people on horseback participated in the fifth annual Love Water Not Oil Ride organized by the Honor the Earth group. This year's ride took them along the Enbridge pipeline route in Wisconsin. Winona LaDuke, co-founder and executive director of Honor the Earth proclaimed "We think more pipelines is a really bad idea. There should be no new lines, no new right of ways, no new threats to water in our territory". Their goals are the same as ours: to raise awareness of and work to oppose the construction of Enbridge's Line 66. We were

pleased to welcome the riders to our area and look forward to meeting with them again in the future. Check out honorearth.org for more info.

Letters to the editor/phone calls to legislators: We encourage everyone to consider writing a letter to the editor of their local newspaper and/or making phone calls to their state representatives to explain their reasons for opposing Enbridge's new pipeline. Additionally, you can fill out our online petitions at 80feetisenough.org. Contact information for Governor Walker and Wisconsin's state and federal elected officials can be obtained via the "Be Heard" tab on the home page of the website.

Lobby day: Many of you attended our Property Rights Lobby Day at the state capitol on May 4. Participants from throughout the state were able to meet with their elected officials or staff members to share their concerns about Enbridge's Line 66. Lawmakers were presented with a packet of information about Enbridge as well as a draft version of a bill to rescind the power of eminent domain from oil pipeline companies. Several lawmakers expressed interest in supporting our cause and we will be reaching out to them to meet with us at **In-District Legislator meetings** in the Marshfield and Ladysmith areas. We'll let you know more when plans have been finalized.

Line 3 replacement construction begins in Wisconsin

Enbridge has recently begun construction of the new Line 3 replacement near Superior, despite not yet having received permits for the Minnesota section of the line. This is the first indication that they are gearing up to proceed with the new Line 66 through Wisconsin. Read the entire article here:

<http://www.wpr.org/enbridges-line-3-replacement-underway-wisconsin>

Upcoming Event

Mark your calendars for our "**Line 66 Summit**" networking event to be held October 27. We are in the process of organizing a joint meeting with many other Wisconsin and nationally - based groups and individuals to build relationships and discuss strategies for dealing with the Line 66 expansion. More details to follow.

Landowner stories: Thanks to receiving a generous grant, we were able to hire a professional videographer to film some of the landowners along the Enbridge right-of-way at their homes telling their pipeline stories. The filming was completed recently and the finished products will be posted as YouTube videos. We will notify you when they are available for viewing.

People on the Pipeline: On Saturday, June 24, people from along the Line 61 corridor in Wisconsin participated in outdoor activities to draw attention to the dangers of the pipeline. Events included a march along the Rock River in Janesville, a 15 mile bike ride along the Glacial Drumlin Trail near Cottage Grove, and a picnic in Columbia County. In the north, a planned trip down the Namekagon River was cancelled because of poor weather. These statewide events brought together a diverse array of participants, including landowners, environmentalist and concerned citizens.

Wood county resolution update: After a whirlwind of recent activity to introduce and defend our resolution against the use of eminent domain by oil pipeline companies to Wood County officials, the full Board voted on August 15 to accept our resolution. This was a big victory for us and the first step in getting the resolution to the state level.

Here is a timeline of the recent activities:

- May 3, 2017- Enbridge representative Denise Martin-Sonnemann meets with the Conservation, Education and Economic Development (CEED) Committee. She states that Enbridge has no plans for expansion.
- June 7- Landowners with pipelines traversing their property tell their stories to the CEED committee and ask them to pass the resolution.
- July 5- Enbridge representatives Scott Suder and Denise Martin-Sonnemann attend the CEED Committee meeting and present Enbridge's view. Landowners are not notified that Enbridge will be there so are not represented. Resolution is tabled.
- August 2- CEED Committee hears comments from landowners who have joined together to form 80 Feet Is Enough! During public comment period, Supervisor Bill Clendenning declares that if the CEED Committee will not act on the resolution then he will accept it in his Judicial and Legislative Committee.

- August 4- After hearing testimonials from several landowners the Judicial and Legislative Committee passes the resolution by a 5-0 margin, thus sending it to the full County Board for a vote.
- August 15- After hearing testimonials from members and supporters of 80 Feet Is Enough! as well as Enbridge supporters, County Board members proceeded to offer their own views on the issue, with some supporting it but others opposing. After several procedural moves to send the resolution back to the committee level failed, the Board voted to accept the resolution by a vote of 10-8.

Voting in favor of the resolution were Supervisors Allen Breu, Bill Clendenning, Kenneth Curry, Michael Feirer, Brad Hamilton, Marion Hokamp, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam, Douglas Machon, and Joseph Zurfluh.

Mark Borchardt, founder of 80 Feet Is Enough! thanked supporters after the vote. "We did it! We filled the board room with supporters, many of whom spoke eloquently about property rights and what they stand to lose personally if Enbridge takes their property. And thanks to everyone who called or emailed your county

supervisor to voice your support. We went toe to toe with Enbridge representatives in the room today and our argument carried the day. One person alone can't battle this 44 billion dollar company with their lobbyists and attorneys and free truck and gas giveaways. But together, with strength in numbers and force of principle, we can do it".

We are seeking to continue our momentum and are currently evaluating in which county to

introduce the resolution next. Stay tuned!

Georgia eminent domain law changes: On July 1 the state legislature of Georgia passed a law restricting the use of eminent domain by petroleum pipeline companies. The new law replaces a one year ban that had been in place barring any use of eminent domain by the companies. The new requirements significantly strengthen the current law while also allowing landowners

to appeal the decision. Final rules are due out next year.

Conservation Congress hearing results: You may remember that participants at the April 10 DNR Spring Hearing meetings overwhelmingly approved a resolution calling for the Conservation Congress to take an official position opposing the Enbridge expansion. See the complete hearing results here:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>

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