

LNG: Oregon LNG had alleged county commissioners were biased

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challenge the Land Use Board of Appeals ruling before the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The ruling Wednesday is the latest twist in the knot for Oregon LNG, which, with Oregon Pipeline Co., an affiliate, has sought to build a pipeline and terminal over the past decade.

Natural gas that moves through the pipeline would be converted to liquefied natural gas at the terminal for shipment to markets in Asia.

The county Board of Commissioners had initially approved the pipeline in November 2010, but — after three new commissioners took office — withdrew that approval in January 2011, setting off a protracted legal dispute over whether commissioners could reconsider.

The Board of Commissioners voted in 2013 to deny a permit for the pipeline after the county cited, among other issues, possible safety concerns for residents; conflicts with aquatic zone standards; and the potential risk of “frac-outs”



Ted Messing, left, of Brownsmead, and Josie Peper, right, of Astoria, hold signs protesting an Oregon LNG project outside of the Warrenton Community Center Jan. 27.

— or toxic fluid escapes — during horizontal directional drilling for underground pipeline construction.

Oregon LNG had alleged that county commissioners were biased against the project. The Land Use Board



Scott Lee

of Appeals had agreed that one of the commissioners was biased.

But the state Court of Appeals ruled in December that the commissioner and the process were not biased, sending the case back to the Land Use Board of

Appeals to resolve the substantive land use questions.

Scott Lee, the chairman of the Board of Commissioners, said in a statement Wednesday that the project “did not comply with our comprehensive plan. Today we are pleased to learn that the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals upheld our decision to deny the application.”

Ban: Ordinance may be adopted on May 4

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City staff and council agreed that on-leash dogs should still be allowed in the paved areas of the Discovery Trail, in Veterans’ Park, in the city’s “mini-parks” and on the beach. Dogs will also be allowed in the parking lots and “spillover areas” outside the fence at the athletic fields.

“Everywhere else, if your dog is on a leash, you’re welcome to bring it,” Glasson said in a phone interview. The ban also doesn’t apply to official service dogs.

No Mutt-Mitts for Long Beach

Some U.S. communities have implemented outreach programs that encourage citizens to clean up after pets, and make it easy to do so by providing plastic bags and trash receptacles. In Astoria, for example, the city provides “Mutt-Mitts” and garbage cans in some city parks and along the Riverwalk. They also post park rules on signs that remind dog-owners to use leashes and clean up waste.

“They work out pretty well actually,” said Parks Maintenance Director Jonah Dart-McLean Friday in a phone interview. “People are happy having signage around so other dog owners are aware they have to pick up after their dogs.”

The city does have to pay for the bags and the time workers spend refilling the dispensers and emptying the trashcans. And compliance isn’t perfect. But overall, Dart-McLean feels the program generates “a lot of positive feedback” and helps citizens keep each other accountable.

“It seems like there’s a positive amount of people using the



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The city of Long Beach expects to enforce a leash law in public places after an ordinance is adopted in May.

items we have out for them and a small amount of people who aren’t,” he said.

Glasson said city officials didn’t seriously consider such alternatives, partly because the relatively isolated fields don’t really promote accountability. Without other people looking on, dog-owners might be less likely to clean up than they are in a comparatively visible or crowded place like the Riverwalk.

“People are anonymous when they’re out there running around the park. People are in their own little world,” said Glasson lives near the park. He pointed out that police can easily see if someone has their dog in an off-limits area, but unless they patrol the field, it’s much harder for them to tell if someone isn’t cleaning up their mess.

So far, only two people have called the city to express concern about the new policy. One was the golfer, the other was a woman who owns two pit bulls. She told the city she had tried hard to be conscientious and felt the policy was unfair to responsible dog owners.

Glasson says the fields were

never intended to be used as a dog park.

“We didn’t build those for dogs to run around. We built those for kids to play on, and that’s the way it has to be,” Glasson said.

Dog-walker’s perspective

On Friday morning, volunteer dog-walker Sue Ryder was walking an energetic young German shepherd from the shelter around the perimeter of the Culbertson Fields. Ryder said he was the seventh of the 11 shelter dogs she planned to walk that morning. Usually, Ryder keeps the dogs on a leash. But occasionally, she takes well-behaved dogs to play catch on the fields. Ryder said shelter dogs benefit greatly from the exercise and stress-relief, so she was sad to learn she won’t be able to do that anymore.

While she understands the city’s concerns, but she wishes leaders would try posting signs and providing a baggie dispenser and trashcan before resorting to an outright ban.

“A lot of people enjoy exercising their dogs in there, and they’re doing the right thing. It

Manhunt: ‘The defendant has five felony convictions, seven misdemeanors’

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Lane and the other suspect, still being investigated, stole two purses, a cellphone, a stereo speaker and fled the residence in a Oldsmobile Bravada, court documents state.

A Seaside detective found the Oldsmobile Bravada shortly after the incident at Arnie’s Café in Warrenton, but the vehicle was unoccupied.

Astoria Police, Warrenton Police and the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office eventually identified Lane as a suspect. Astoria Police put out a warrant for his arrest.

In court Wednesday, Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis noted Lane’s lengthy criminal history.

“The defendant has five felony convictions, seven misdemeanors,” Marquis said. “Most recently, delivery of heroin in 2013 out of Clatsop County, failures to appear out of Columbia County (and) previous convictions for felony in possession (of a firearm).”

When Lane allegedly committed the assault and robbery, he was out on bail for a charge of felon in possession of a firearm that occurred in Seaside March 17.

Lane was indicted for felon in possession of a firearm March 20 and appeared in Clatsop County Circuit Court March 24. He then

posted \$1,500, the required 10 percent needed to cover the \$15,000 bail.

In August 2013, Lane, a Blountville, Texas, resident at the time, was convicted for delivery of heroin in Seaside.

Lane’s criminal history extends into Columbia County, where he was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants in September 2006, failure to appear in court in October 2006 and contempt of court in October 2013.

In a Portland Tribune article from Oct. 18, 2013, titled, “Columbia County’s worst of the worst,” about funding the Columbia County Jail, Lane was described as serving a long-term sentence, but was on an “exclusive hold” for the state of Tennessee. The state of Tennessee issued a warrant for Lane which led to his incarceration in the Columbia County Jail, the newspaper reported. Lane was held for second-degree failure to appear, contempt of court and probation violation.

Defense lawyer James von Boeckmann is representing Lane in the assault and robbery case and for the felon in possession of a firearm case.

Lane is due back in court at 1:15 p.m. May 8 for a possible arraignment on an indictment, if he is indicted by the grand jury.



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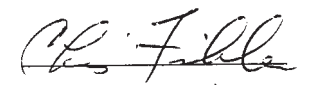
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