

# 'Biggest project since 1980's'

□ *Rep. Gene Seaman encourages support of LNG terminal project at port*

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"This is probably the probably the biggest project to come to Calhoun County since the 1980's when Formosa Plastics announced their new plant," State Rep. Gene Seaman told a group of over 100 citizens Wednesday night at the Bauer Community Center. "I hope this community will show their support for this important project."

Rep. Seaman spoke briefly at an open house Wednesday to give the community information about the proposed liquefied natural gas terminal and storage project at the local port. The meeting was hosted by the Calhoun County Navigation District (CCND), the Port of Port Lavaca/Point Comfort and Gulf Coast LNG partners, L.P.

"This project will help strengthen the industrial base of not only Calhoun County but the whole Texas Gulf Coast," Seaman said. "I am going to be doing everything I can in Austin to promote this project and I urge everyone here tonight to do the same."

The CCND board members took the first step earlier this month in bringing the LNG terminal and storage facility to

the local port by approving an interim financing agreement for the estimated \$450 million project with Gulf Coast LNG Partners, L.P., and the Calhoun County Navigation Industrial Development Authority.

The project, called Calhoun LNG, will include a "state of the art" berthing and docking facility at the port to receive LNG ocean-going ships; two 160,000 cubic meter capacity, double walled insulated storage tanks to hold the LNG until it can be regasified and sent via pipelines to industrial and residential customers; and a regasification facility and control room to warm the LNG back into gas for distribution.

"The project has the potential of making a huge impact on this region's economy well into the 21st century," Randy Boyd, chairman of the CCND board said Wednesday. "This project will give our county the capability of providing a stable supply of natural gas and feed stocks for our local industrial customers, which will help stabilize and secure their future."

As part of the open house, Jim Lewis, a safety consultant for the LNG project, conducted a demonstration of the properties of LNG, which is stored at minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit. Lewis showed LNG is safe, odorless, non-toxic, non-corrosive, non-carcinogenic, and does not pollute land or water resources. It is stored at atmospheric pressure in specifically designed ships, unloading lines, and onshore tanks.

Lewis said that LNG does not burn or explode as a liquid. It can only burn if vaporized, mixed with the precise amount of air and then provided with a source of ignition.

He demonstrated how a fresh rose could be frozen solid in LNG but that when it was poured in a container of water with live fish in it, the fish weren't harmed.