

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives
Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2017
Washburn Public Library

-Meeting Schedules: Doodle poll works well for most folks; Lorraine will set up for next meeting

-Discussed Chequamegon Bay Renewables (CBR) proposal (underwater transmission & solar generation):

- Bob Adams spoke with Xcel (Chris & Ellen) today. Underwater marine cable possibly too expensive to consider; Xcel is putting together their engineering report to submit to Durocher Marine; Talked about 69kV vs 34.5kV (in original Xcel proposal)
- Xcel feels solar part of CBR proposal doesn't meet reliability standards
- CBR had a telephone conference (10/17) with Xcel staff/engineers– Bob Owen had a list of questions of which very few were answered; Xcel stated proprietary and other reasons; difficult to refine the CBR proposal without answers to Bob's questions

-Xcel is preparing a mailing to come out later this week; it will include additional route proposals; Xcel will include BPEA's mission statement and a link to our website (Mike will send this info to Ellen). The mailing will be sent to landowners on the current proposed route and as well as those on the new alternative routes.

-County Board meeting 11/14:

- Members of BPEA will attend and provide an update
- Roy will shepherd the process with county board members determining if we will put it on the agenda or present in public comment period; Susan, Phil, Roy, Bob will work on report. The report will be drafted and shared with BPEA working group the week before Nov 14 presentation.

-Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from our group; Phil will email to Mike to share via Google Docs. Everyone is asked to send previous and future questions to the website so they can be tracked.

Publicity:

- Hope McLeod is willing to do a news article before/after 11/14 County Board meeting; She would like to meet with BPEA prior to writing article; Daniel Kaeding is another option (reporter at Superior Bureau of Wisconsin Public Radio)
- Continue writing letters to editor and encourage others to do so

-Discussed clarifying BPEA's purpose

-Summary of Action Items:

- Jim Steffenson will check to see if a formula exists to determine outages
- Roy- Hwy 13 (scenic byway) as possible alternative
- Mike/John will send link to YouTube videos for Google Group instructions
- Susan will send updated email list to Mike
- Wendy will ask Xcel for new route info to obtain landowner addresses
- Mike can do mailing when ready
- Bob will follow up with Hope McCleod
- Roy will check on details of County budget item for solar

- Roy, Jim, Jay, Mike work on additional route alternatives
- Jay will look into reasons behind not using existing line and/or underground options
- Jay will contact other user groups
- Everyone is asked to send their questions for Xcel (past and new) to the info@bayfieldenergyalternatives.org
- Roy will check with County Supervisors about preference of putting BPEA report on Agenda or in public comments. Report will be drafted and shared with BPEA working group the week before Nov 14 presentation.
- We will hold a public meeting once the report is written and meet with Hope McCleod at that time
- Mike will send Xcel the BPEA mission statement and the link to the website

Wendy Stein

Notetaker