

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives  
Meeting Minutes December 4, 2017  
Washburn Public Library

(Note: highlighted items are amendments to original minutes)

**Feedback on “Grid 101”:** presentation put on by Chequamegon Bay Renewables – some felt question/answer session was a bit weak; learned about microgrids; BPEA had a table and signup sheet. Wendy will compile emails and send to Susan Hall to update mailing lists.

**Criteria for Evaluating Alternative Transmission Routes:** Lorraine updated the group on the criteria process presented at last week’s meeting (by Kim Bro) and endorsed by BPEA. Kim’s Powerpoint presentation is available on BPEA website. Mike offered to videotape Kim’s presentation if logistically possible.

**Communication with Xcel:** Reminded group to clearly indicate, when sending individual comments to Xcel, that those opinions do not represent BPEA. Discussed having a group contact if Xcel needs to get in touch with BPEA. Currently, Xcel emails [info@bayfieldenergyalternatives.org](mailto:info@bayfieldenergyalternatives.org) when sending info to our group. Bob Adams agreed to be a contact.

**Report to County:** Bayfield County Executive Committee meets on December 14<sup>th</sup>. BPEA has 5 minutes on the agenda. Plan to present criteria info and ask for more time (partly to connect with alternative energy side of Xcel). Kim and/or Roy to attend with Bob. It was suggested we ask county to not make a decision until Xcel answers all of our questions and the criteria is applied to all alternatives.

**Town Meetings:** Present criteria info to Towns and ask them to endorse the process. Set a date to meet with Kim to go over criteria process for those presenting at Town meetings – Thursday 12/7 at Washburn Library 10:30 am--- Lorraine will contact Kim and book library. Bob will start to draft a letter that towns could sign endorsing the process.

Town of Bayfield – 12/18 – Jim Steffenson; Jim will ask Bob Feyen to help

Town Bayfield Plan Commission – ~~Jack~~ – 12/11 - Bob A & Roy

Town of Washburn 12/12 - ~~Phil & Jay~~ - Kim is already on the agenda and willing to do this presentation; Jay, please touch base with Kim to see if he could use your assistance/support; Phil, please see Town of Bayview note below

Town of Bayview – 12/12 – Lorraine ~~Bob A~~ - would prefer to relieve Bob A and ask Phil to assist Lorraine; Is that ok, Phil?

Town of Barksdale – 12/12 Lynne & Dennis

Town of Eileen - 12/12 Kathleen

City of Washburn 12/11 – ~~Roy & Bob A~~ - this meeting date isn’t confirmed; Bob A & Roy will be at Town of Bayfield Plan Commission

City of Bayfield 1/8/2018 - Kathleen & city resident

**Public Meeting:** Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (NGLVC) will allow use of the theater for free; must pay for janitor. Lorraine will check to see if January 10<sup>th</sup> is available; Meeting agenda would include an introduction to BPEA (who?), overview of criteria (Jim Miller will present); status update

on 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit project (Phil Norrgard); energy alternatives and community goals discussion (Bill Bailey?). Discussed level of advertising and agreed a 'medium' level is sufficient.

**Meeting with Xcel:** Chris & Ellen have offered to attend a BPEA meeting. Discussed purpose and whether we could get questions answered regarding alternative energy. Consider inviting them in January (15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>) but also request alternative energy representative to attend.

**Department of Natural Resources:** Lindsay Tekler is an Environmental Analysis and Review Specialist with Wisconsin DNR. She is the project manager for Xcel line and also liaison between DNR and PSC. Her office is in Madison. Adam Ingwell is PSC contact.

**Public Intervenor:** Ed Gruhl lives in the Town of Bayview and has electrical engineering background and legal experience. In 2013, Ed petitioned to be intervenor (Xcel proposal showed line coming down his driveway). Nothing ever came of the process as Xcel never filed an application with the PSC. Ed provided a great deal of information regarding the intervenor process.

**Bayfield Peninsula System Assessment:** Dennis & Jay are still reviewing this report from Xcel. Initial comments: detail is lacking as to why solar with storage (or batteries in general) won't work; Xcel's models didn't include solar. Will continue with reviewing report and develop questions.

**Next meeting:** December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Washburn Public Library

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Notetaker