

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018

-Meeting with Xcel (Chris, Ellen & Jason)

- Waiting for confirmation from Chris; Tentatively January 16th or 17th at 6pm
- Library has been reserved; Ian Meeker will check on use of county conference room
- Need to compile questions in advance – Roy, Jay, Susan will work on this and bring to next meeting; review Mike Sterner's list, Neal Erickson's comments, Jay's list
- Bob will inform Mike Bebeau; Roy will also reach out to Mike
- Need facilitator; publish notice in paper; audience submits written questions

-County Board Meeting January 30th – Bill Bailey has requested to delay this agenda item because of Feb 6th UW Extension round table event

-UW Extension Round Table Event

- "At the Table: Communities & Utilities Working Together to Deliver Renewable Energy & An Upgraded Grid" – February 6th, 6:30pm, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
- Panel includes: Tim Baye – UW Extension (facilitator), representatives from Xcel, Dairyland Power Co-op, Bayfield Electric Co-op, Chequamegon Bay Renewables, SunPeak
- Roy is helping with planning
- Looking at the panel makeup, where does the community fit in in decisions about energy; how do we get community preference heard (perhaps a county policy)
- Questions being identified for January Xcel meeting will be useful for this event as well; could provide our questions to them ahead of time

-Red Cliff Draft Letter

- Suggested edits: reference citizens of the community & BPEA; perhaps mention Cheq Bay Renewables proposal
- Timetable: could go out next week
- Thanks to Chad for sharing

-Criteria/Ranking Tool

- City of Bayfield 1/8 and Town of Eileen 1/9 – Kathleen is on both agendas
- City of Washburn 1/8 – Roy will attend and update during public comment
- Need to get detailed Ranking Criteria document on website

-Student Involvement

- Superior Days February 20th; Ian has write-up to present to PSC
- High school kids could get flyers out if needed
- Interested in Lego model but need info

-Miscellaneous Discussions

- Discussed how to get County committed to establishing a policy on energy and not deal with individual, piecemeal requests; work with Planning & Zoning?
- Status of underwater cable; solar with storage – Chequamegon Bay Renewables' proposal is still out there; could bring up at Feb 6 round table
- An upgraded transmission line must allow for connection of renewables (i.e. where can we put 5mw of solar)

Next meeting: January 8, 2018, 6pm; location to be determined

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Notetaker