

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

-Xcel Meeting

- Date confirmed with Chris Buboltz for January 17th, Washburn Library, 6:00 pm
- Xcel reps will likely include Chris Buboltz, Ellen Heine, Tim Rogers, Jason Espeseth
- Would like to have Xcel renewable energy representative attend; Kathleen will look into
- Meeting facilitator: Kim Bro with Jim Miller as backup
- Lorraine will put a notice in the paper & help with collecting written questions from audience
- Jay, Roy, & Susan Hall are putting questions together; will seek input from key folks and then submit to Xcel by Friday
- Roy will contact Mike Bebeau

-Complaint - Filing with Public Service Commission - Discussion

- Decided not to file at this time

-Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting January 11, 4:30 pm

- Agenda includes:
 - “Discussion/possible action regarding solar projects in 2018”; this is likely Xcel request for approx. \$400,000 for Ashland solar farm
 - “Transmission Line Update”; Wendy will check to see if this is Forestry Committee update
- Roy & Bob are attending and plan to update committee during public comment; others are welcome to attend
- May be helpful if folks call or email their County representative and mention the following items:
 - Postpone consideration for Xcel easement across county land
 - Xcel has indicated they would agree to a delay and BPEA hopes to jointly request extension of Jan 30th timeline
 - BPEA is meeting with Xcel on Jan 17th
 - A delay would allow input/info from Feb 6th roundtable discussion
 - All 5 towns agreed to ranking criteria process; need time to evaluate

-Miscellaneous

- Roy attended 1/8 Washburn City Council meeting and brought them up to speed on current BPEA activities
- Kathleen attended City of Bayfield meeting to present criteria/ranking tool - City supported the tool; Dennis and Lynne attended the Barksdale meeting and are waiting for their action at next meeting; Kathleen attending Town of Eileen meeting on 1/9
- Results of Jan 17th meeting with Xcel will help determine preparations for Jan 30th County Board meeting

- February 6th roundtable – need to prepare questions

Next meeting: January 15, 2018, 6pm; Washburn Public Library

Wendy Stein
Notetaker