

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives  
Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2018

-Discussed Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Xcel

- Still lack the data to put together a viable alternative (due to load data being proprietary)
- Meeting with Xcel was positive in that there was agreement to undergo more process
- Jason Espeseth (Xcel engineer who wrote the Bayfield Peninsula System Assessment) was helpful and he's willing to clarify or answer additional questions if needed (as are Chris & Ellen)
- Xcel will hold another public open house and possibly a routing workshop (dates to be determined)

-Next Steps

- Work with Xcel on routing options - Ed Gruhl will draft a letter asking Xcel to participate in a collaborative process on route alternatives; Ed shared a diagram of circuit options and explained how failures affect the flow of power
- Ed will draft a list of questions
- Participate in routing workshop; Wendy will ask Kim Bro if he will facilitate this workshop with Xcel

-January 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

- Xcel has adopted #3 from their January 16<sup>th</sup> letter to Bayfield County Executive Committee. Item #3 states "Keep the Project on the agenda for the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting as a discussion item, but take no action at that time."
- Bob Adams will present a progress report and express BPEA's desire to work with Xcel

-February 6<sup>th</sup> "At the Table: Communities and Utilities Working Together to Deliver Renewable Energy and Upgraded Grid" 6:30-8:00 pm at Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (sponsored by UW-Extension, Chequamegon Bay Renewables, & City of Ashland)

- Plan to attend and learn about distributed energy
- Bring questions for the panel members

**-Next meeting:** February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm; Washburn Public Library

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Notetaker