

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018

-Reported on activities since last meeting:

- Email update sent to Bayfield County Board for their 4/17 organizational meeting
- A subgroup met and applied the ranking criteria to the existing route showing 2 variances near Friendly Valley Rd and Thompson Creek; Need to apply ranking criteria to original route proposal
- Several individuals had an informal conference call with Ellen Heine on 4/19 to discuss the 4/4 routing workshop; below are brief notes:
 - Xcel found the routing workshop valuable
 - Xcel will be in the area May 1st for a field visit to travel area roads
 - Xcel will not consider submitting 2 alternatives of the existing route to the Public Service Commission. The existing route would be submitted as one alternative and variants could be noted. The 2nd alternative would likely be the original proposal for the new route
 - No date set for open house until field visits are completed and data is analyzed

-A letter was sent to Xcel from state representatives Beth Meyers & Janet Bewley expressing appreciation for the routing workshop and hope for continued cooperation with the local community.

-Discussed existing route and impacts to residents on that route; further discussion should include how best to mitigate impacts to individual residents (i.e. moving the line, burying, etc)

-Discussed how best to involve forestry committee, town planning commissions, and county board

-Bob will clarify with County that Towns signed a 'statement of support' vs a 'resolution' and get copies for our records. Need to update workshop summary document to reflect this.

-City of Washburn has not been updated recently or presented with the ranking tool (ask Roy if he would do this)

-Next meeting: Monday, April 30, 2018, 6:00 pm; Washburn Public Library

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Notetaker