

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018

Communication:

- News article written by Rick Olivo (Ashland Daily Press) will be published in Saturday's (9/22) paper. Rick interviewed Ellen Heine (Xcel) and Roy Settgas.
- Bob will inform County Administrator of Xcel Open House and share Xcel's website link with county board members.

Upcoming meetings:

- Xcel Open House – September 24th, 4-8 pm at Harbor View Event Center
- Forestry Committee – October 8th
- Board of Supervisors – September 26th, October 30th
- Town Meetings: Barksdale 10/9?, Bayfield ?, Bayview 10/9, Washburn 10/9

Discussed possible questions for 9/24 Open House:

- Will Xcel have a follow-up similar to routing workshop?
- What is preliminary cost estimate for each proposal? (Roy will ask Ellen if she will bring cost analyses to open house)
- When will Xcel file with Public Service Commission (PSC)?
- Is Xcel easement 50 feet? Are there any examples/locations where easement is > 50 feet?
- How many acres of public land will be permanently cleared under each route option?
- What is Xcel's preferred route?
- Will Xcel indicate a preferred route to PSC?

In June, Town of Washburn Plan Commission presented an impact analysis on the route alternatives to their Town Board. The Board signed a letter in support of a double circuit line in the existing right of way.

Discussed asking other affected Towns to consider a letter of support for existing route:

- Barksdale: Lorraine will ask Dennis if he has time to attend next meeting
- Bayfield: Jack will share with planning commission and town board
- Bayview: Roy will talk to Charly Ray

Discussed scheduling a meeting after the open house to clarify impacts of proposed routes— need to work out details; tentatively schedule for Oct 25th 6:30 pm; Wendy will check to see if County Annex room is available

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9/25 6:30pm at Washburn Public Library