

Bayfield Peninsula Energy Alternatives
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018

Update on town & city meetings:

- Town of Barksdale – Dennis and Roy attended 11/13 meeting; Town Chair was absent; no action taken; likely will attend next month
- Town of Eileen – Kathleen attended 11/12 meeting and informed board of the project; will return next month;
- City of Washburn – City passed resolution at 11/12 meeting
- City of Bayfield – Roy trying to get on calendar

It's become evident during town and city meetings that misunderstandings still exist regarding the transmission project details. Examples include:

- Concern that East Route option will consist of parallel poles (it will not)
- Distribution lines vs transmission lines (most local outages are on distribution lines, not transmission lines)
- Right of way concerns- Xcel may clear their existing ROW during construction but likely won't maintain the full ROW after construction

Discussed adding bullet items on BPEA website to clarify the above. May need to fact check with Xcel first.

Bob met with County Forester. On East Route bypass line, Xcel would likely harvest necessary trees and reimburse county; county may give away for firewood. For West Route, harvest would likely be put out on a contract. If Xcel requests that roads be maintained open, county/towns would have to comply. Fire potential due to powerlines is a concern.

Discussed finalizing draft information packet.

- Need to clearly describe route options (to address confusion heard at town meetings)
- Include cover letter
- Include Xcel's "Route Alternatives Comparison" document
- Add separate document with additional route comparison data
- Mike S is willing to help with layout and format
- Ed, Bob, Roy, Wendy will meet on Monday 11/19 at 10:00am at Ed's house

Next meeting: to be determined