

## **Save the Bijou Basin Community Meeting 12/11/21**

- Approximately 90 people were in attendance at the Once Upon a Time Event Center
- Information was presented by Chuck Hughes, Kadie Hughes, and Kerry Jiblits  
Link to slide show presentation: [click here](#)  
Contact information for Xcel, Commissioners, PUC, and social media was shared: [click here](#)
- Attendees shared thoughts, frustrations, questions, and ideas
- Commissioner Grant Thayer was in attendance and graciously agreed to speak and answer questions.
- Names and emails were collected for a mailing list to keep people informed.

### **Questions**

- How do we get our voices heard and make it personal?
- Can commissioners make their approval conditional - lines have to be buried?
- Can our commissioners write the PUC at this time? Other county commissioners have already written them.
- Why can't the lines be put along the already existing Rush Creek line?
- Can it be a ballot issue?
- Can landowners put their land into a conservation easement?

### **Ideas**

- Form an organized core group
- Create a website
- Send out newsletters - Facebook is not the best way to communicate
- Decide on a common goal - no power lines at all? Power lines if buried? Different route?
- Talk to fire department to see if they will help
- Homeowners insurance will increase due to fire hazard - contact them
- Write to commissioners and request an independent, mutually acceptable third party environmental impact study
- Have a community gathering with Xcel and invite the media to attend
- Have a fundraiser to raise money for legal counsel

### **Next steps**

Organize a core group, create website