

# Meeting Notes - July 2015 Monthly Meeting

## Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Time: Thursday, July 2

Place: UUCP Yellow House, Moscow, ID

Present: Deb Olson, Sandon Lohr, Rob Briggs, Ginny Lohr, Steve Flint, Mary DuPree, Judy Meuth, Paul Spencer, Pat Rathmann, Nancy Nelson, Cindy Magnuson, Romney Boehm, David Hall, Al Poplawsky (note taker).

### Action Items from Meeting

- Mary will coordinate publicity for *Merchants of Doubt* events in early October.
- And will ask Rachel to do Facebook publicity.
- Ginny will work with new divestment student group at WSU to sponsor a WSU showing of *Merchants of Doubt*.
- Rob and Judy will gather CarbonWA petition signatures at the Johnson Parade and possibly other July 4 celebration events.
- Rob will order 50 CCLClimate Hope bumper stickers, provided he can find another chapter to share the bumper stickers and expense.

### Reports

- Ginny, Rob, and Steve reported on the annual CCL International Conference in Washington DC. Katharine Hayhoe gave a powerful talk on communication (will be posted on CCL website shortly): our target audience doesn't need facts; we need to bond with our audience over mutual concerns/beliefs/values then find a way to work into carbon fee and dividend. Agriculture: points included slow ramp-up of carbon fee and importance of border adjustments for agricultural exports. Meetings with members of congress and their staffs were seen as productive by our three representatives. Details of the meetings are not for sharing.
- (Mary was going to report on the monthly CCL call, but there wasn't time at the meeting. The upshot of the call: a new study by Kevin Ummel from the Center for Global Development reinforces the findings of the REMI report: 2/3 of Americans (those with lower incomes) will benefit financially from the dividend, and rural Americans will not see an inordinate financial burden, given their need to drive greater distances. This report has been reviewed very positively by leading economists. There's a good summary/review of Ummel's paper at <http://www.cgdev.org/blog/who-pollutes-most-surprises-new-us-database-kevin-ummel>).
- CarbonWA: Rob explained that Washington State ballot initiative 732 mandates a revenue-neutral carbon tax, with the income generated going to offset other taxes, in effect making the state's tax system less regressive. The fee begins at \$15 per metric ton of CO2 the first year and goes to \$25 per ton the second year. This could be an important step on the way to a national F/D scheme. Rob asked for assistance in gathering petition signatures at community events this summer.

### Local activities

- The presentation group—Rob, Ginny, Mary, Jeff, Al—is working to craft a presentation on CCL and F/D to local civic groups starting this fall. We would welcome more participants. Next meeting, late July at Mary’s house.
- Pat R. and PESC are working on a showing and discussion of *Merchants of Doubt*, Kenworthy Center, October 7. CCL-P will help, and organize publicity (Facebook, print media, radio PSAs.) Tom Bitterwolf plans a UI showing; we’ll try to involve WSU as well.
- We discussed the Climate Change/Climate Hope bumper stickers. They’re good for tabling. We will order some more provided the price is not excessive.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 6, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Daily Grind, 230 E. Main St. in Pullman.