

Meeting Notes - June 2015 Monthly Meeting

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Time: Thursday, June 4, 2015

Place: Home of Virginia Lohr and Rob Briggs, 837 SE Edge Knoll Drive, Pullman

Present: Jeff Ramsey (note taker), Mary DuPree, Deb Olson, Rob Briggs, Ginny Lohr, Judy Meuth, Bertie Weddell, Paul Spencer, Sandon Lohr, Steve Flint, Milo Flint

Action Items from Meeting

- Judy – Communicate with Moscow-Pullman Daily News to convey press release about our local CCL members traveling to DC to meet with members of congress. Rob to forward instructions from CCL National.
- Mary – Communicate with our local CCL mailing list to encourage phone calls and tweets to members of congress on Monday, June 22—*Congressional Climate Message Day*.
- Deb – Check with Pullman Farmers Market to see what days we can gather signatures for I-732, the Washington Carbon Tax initiative.
- Deb – Look for opportunities to collect I-732 signatures at Lentil festival (August 21) and other local events and coordinate with Rob and other volunteers.
- Rob – Float idea with WSU divestment campaign group to coordinate showing of *Merchants of Doubt* around Oct. 7 and piggyback publicity with Moscow showing.
- All – Look for an organizer for “Merchants of Doubt” events in Moscow/Pullman in October.
- Rob – Recruit and coordinate signature gathering at Johnson Parade and Pullman fireworks display on July 4.
- Deb – Explore possibility of an evening presentation on CCL/revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend to Pullman League of Women Voters.

Reports

Ginny demonstrated enhancements and updates to the Palouse Region Chapter web site-- <http://www.cclpalouse.org/>. The site is up to date and now contains a full record of chapter activities and accomplishments to date. With both Paul and Ginny able to make changes, we hope to keep it current and direct anyone interested in our work to the site. We need to make sure the URL is included in all of our materials.

The June International CCL Call will feature Danny Richter, CCL's Legislative Director. He will be presenting some newly-developed materials that address the question of how CCL's proposal for revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend will impact rural and low-income people. The analysis shows they will benefit, generally at the expense of wealthier suburbanites. Danny's two-page summary can be found here: <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CGD-Ummel-Summary.pdf> You can listen to the call here after mid-day Saturday, June 6: <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-international-conference-calls/>

Rob provided an update on I-732, CarbonWA's Carbon Tax Initiative Campaign. Signature gathering is going well and gaining momentum. The campaign has acquired some funds for paid signature gatherers and are looking for college students or others, particularly in Eastern Washington, to hire. Rob now has

signs and buttons, and campaign T-shirts are available. Contact Rob if interested in participating.

Actions for June

- The CCL International Conference will be June 21 – 23 in Washington, DC. Steve, Ginny, and Rob are attending from our chapter.
- CCL will be sending out a Press Release for the International Conference designed to get local media to cover CCL members traveling to DC to meet with members of congress. This is being coordinated with release of the Pope's encyclical, expected on June 16. Judy agreed to push the press release with the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.
- Congressional Climate Message Day is Monday, June 22. The event is designed to get as many people as possible to call and/or tweet congressional offices in advance of face-to-face meetings on Tuesday. The main message for callers is that they share the concerns and desire for action of those meeting in DC. Mary agreed to coordinate this action using our chapter mail list.

Updates from Interest Groups

- Tabling/Outreach
 - Mary and Steve will be on Peace Radio (KRFP, 90.3 FM) on Sunday, June 28 talking about CCL. The show runs from 2 to 4 pm.
 - We will be co-sponsoring a showing of the *Merchants of Doubt* at the Kenworthy on Oct. 7 with Tom Bitterroot (and perhaps other) leading a discussion afterwards. We would like to arrange a showing at WSU around the same time and are seeking someone to coordinate the event and perhaps engage WSU classes and professors in the event.
 - Moscow Farmers Market tabling has been competing with Jeff's work obligations. Anyone with time and interest in tabling can coordinate with Jeff, who has the banner and tabling materials.
- Presentations
 - Our CCL Palouse Presenter Practice & Discussion Session is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 7 pm at 837 SE Edge Knoll Drive in Pullman. Rob will provide an overview of the latest presentation materials available from CCL, and we'll work on adapting them to our needs for presenting to local civic and business groups. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Call Rob at 332-5819.
 - Planning for future presentations - Deb will check on Pullman LWV presentation schedule.
- Lobbying – Steve has arranged meetings with Labrador's and Crapo's offices in DC. Other CCL folks are setting up the meetings with other Idaho MOCs.
- Newspapers/Media – We've been having good success with letter in the Daily News, and now even with the Spokesman Review. Rob suggested we consider branching out to the Lewiston Tribune.

Announcements

- Rich Wesson provided an update on the Pullman-Colfax rail trail proposal. He discussed the current controversy over whether to rail bank or abandon the line and the implications of the decision for the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail. Quick resolution appears unlikely.

Upcoming Events

- July meeting – Thursday, July 2 in Moscow, 5:30-7 pm, location TBD.
- August meeting – Thursday August 6 in Pullman, 5:30-7 pm, location TBD

Laser Talk Practice – We practiced a laser talk entitled, *Rural Voters Benefit from Fee and Dividend*.

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