

# Meeting Notes - March 2015 Monthly Meeting

## Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Time: Thursday, March 12, 5:30 to 7 pm  
Place: UUCP Yellow House, 420 E. 2nd St. Moscow, ID

Present: Mary DuPree, Deb Olson, Rob Briggs, Ginny Lohr, Al Poplawsky, Jeff Ramsey, Olif Wojciechowski, Ken Wickstrom, Steve Flint, Bertie Weddell, Pat Rathmann, Carlos Sampaio, Judy Meuth (note taker), Paul Spencer.

### Action Items from Meeting

- Mary – Research how Wisconsin CCL chapters managed to arrange presentations and gain endorsements for climate action from Rotary Clubs and report back at next meeting.
- Rob – Solicit commitments to collect signatures from Palouse Region CCL members and convey to CarbonWA coordinator.
- Rob – Share information on CCL International Conference in June with those who expressed interest, including how to apply for financial assistance.
- All – If you know of prospective CCL members or organizations with which good CCL candidates may be involved in either Boise or Spokane, please share them with Rob so he can forward them to those planning Group Starts in those cities.

### Tabling/Outreach

- Rob – Explore opportunities for tabling on Terrell Mall, WSU at Earth Day event (Wednesday, April 22).
- Mary - Explore opportunities for tabling at Renaissance Fair and Moscow Farmers' Market.
- Bertie - Explore opportunities for tabling at Moscow COMMUNITY March.
- Mary – Have 150 -200 more brochures printed.

### Lobbying

- Rob and Steve – Set up and/or participate in meetings with members of congress in response to next call to do so from CCL National.
- Rob – Arrange editorial board meetings with M-P Daily News, Lewiston Tribune, Whitman County Gazette in response to next call to do so from CCL National.

### Next Palouse Region Chapter Meeting

**Thursday, April 2, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Meeting room at Daily Grind Coffee House, 230 E. Main St., Pullman.**

### Other Notes from March Meeting

- February Accomplishments: Judy's Feb. 13 Daily News LTE (a great model for our positive messaging) was passed around.

- Ginny reviewed highlights from the March National CCL Call featuring Lonnie Ellis, the Associate Director of the Catholic Climate Covenant. [You can listen to the call here: <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-international-conference-calls/> or subscribe to the podcast.] Release of the Popes encyclical later this year will provide an important opportunity for CCL to raise awareness. Also, a new film “Merchants of Doubt” featuring Naomi Oreskes will be playing in theaters over the coming months. Watch the movie trailer here: <http://sonyclassics.com/merchantsofdoubt/>.
- Rob reviewed highlights from the Greater Pacific Northwest Regional CCL Conference held March 7 & 8 in Seattle. There were 125 in attendance at the 1-1/2 day event, which featured some great talks on fisheries, farms, and forests and how to talk with Republicans about revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend.

#### Activities for month

- We paired up to practice a laser talk on “carbon fee border adjustments.”
- We generated four cards or letters for Representative Labrador and six for Representative McMorris Rodgers requesting attendance at Wednesday, March 18 REMI briefing, which will be held in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

#### Local Chapter Issues/Activities

- 2015 chapter planning – We made minor changes to our planning document and accepted it by consensus as our chapter goals for the year (attached).
- Boise and Spokane Chapters – Encouraging news was reported on a planned CCL group start in Boise and a strong leader who has been identified for a new Spokane chapter.
- CarbonWA will begin gathering signatures for its revenue-neutral carbon tax initiative to the Washington State legislature beginning in mid April. Dr. James Hansen among others believe this is a nationally significant effort. If you are interested in helping gather signatures please contact Rob.
- International CCL Conference in Washington, DC – 2015 Citizens' Climate Lobby International Conference - Washington, DC, June 21 - 23 - 1000 Volunteers, 535 Congressional Meetings, One Goal. [<http://citizensclimatelobby.org/2015-international-conference/>] We identified members who are either planning to go or considering going: Rob, Ginny, Mary, Jeff, Judy, and Steve. It’s important that we have Idaho representation in the meetings with Idaho members of congress.

#### Updates from Interest Groups

- Tabling/Outreach – Among those present, we identified potential tablers as Jeffrey, Mary, Deb, Rob Judy, and Pat R.
- Lobbying – Among those present, we identified Steve, Rob, Ginny, Paul, and Jeffrey as potentially interested in in-district meetings with members of congress or staffers.
- Newspapers/Media – Among those present, we identified Rob, Al, Bertie, and Paul as potentially interested in participating in editorial board meetings.

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