

# Meeting Notes - May 2015 Monthly Meeting

## Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Time: Thursday, May 7, 2014

Place: 1912 Center Friendship Hall, Moscow, ID

Present: Rachel Clark, Mary DuPree, Deb Olson, Rob Briggs, Ginny Lohr, Jeff Ramsey, Steve Flint, Judy Meuth (note taker), Paul Spencer. (Pat Rathmann and Ted Moffett dropped by before the meeting officially began.)

### Action Items from Meeting

- Steve will contact new Boise CCL Chapter to ask for contacts with Idaho MoC staffers
- Rachel will ask Pat Holloway if she would become involved in our agriculture efforts
- Jeff will organize Moscow Farmer's Market tabling and circulate Carbon WA petition there. Deb will help with this.
- Mary, Rob, Jeff and Al will meet this summer to practice F/D presentations. Rob will organize.
- Mary and Judy will continue compiling contacts to service organizations for presentations.
- Steve and Mary will speak about CCL on KRFP. Mary will arrange with Jill Maxwell.
- Deb will talk with Dissmore's to see if she can table there.
- All: look for a organizer for "Merchants of Doubt" events in Moscow/Pullman in October.
- Deb will pursue the possibility of a full evening presentation on CCL to Pullman LWV.

### Updates from Interest Groups

- Tabling/Outreach: Hempfest in Moscow and Earthday at WSU. Ginny and Rob also circulated the Carbon WA petition at WSU. This was a successful pairing of efforts. Deb also circulated Carbon WA petition.
- Lobbying: Steve is not getting responses from Idaho congressional staffers.
- Editorials/newspapers: Jeff, Ginny and Al had good pieces in the Daily News. Rob submitted a photo of the CCL-P group start to the Daily News.
- Presentations: Pat R. has purchased "Merchants of Doubt" for the Moscow Public Library and has identified two possible dates for showing at the Kenworthy: Oct. 7 or 28. CCL-P will co-sponsor for something like \$300. The group thinks that the later date would be more strategic. Tom Bitterwolf will also present it at UI. (See more discussion below.)

### Other Notes from the Meeting

Good News!—Boise has formed a new CCL chapter. Spokane is working on one, as well.

Rob reported on the Carbon WA petition drive and its importance to CCL overall. Signature deadline is December.

Mary gave a brief overview of CCL's activities concerning agriculture. All agree that agriculture should be a major focus of the CCL-P, but we need to find a point person. If not Pat Holloway, maybe Bertie W.?

Ginny summarized the national call. Tony Leiserowitz demonstrated the Yale Climate Opinion maps which will be a powerful tool in understanding opinion at the national, state, and county level. She urged us all to investigate this interesting web site:

[www.environment.yale.edu/poe/v2014](http://www.environment.yale.edu/poe/v2014).

Showing of "Merchants of Doubt" at UI and at the Kenworthy presents a good opportunity for a larger region-wide discussion and perhaps a showing at WSU as well. Panel discussion after the Kenworthy showing might include scientists as well as the press, e.g. Nathan Alford. This book would be a good candidate for a "campus read."

In discussing our plan to target civic and service groups in the region, we decided to work on CCL and F/D presentations as a small group this summer (Al, Rob, Mary, Jeff) and be prepared to find presentation opportunities this fall. It would be a good idea to present in teams, with one person laying out the CCL proposal, and the other being the "story teller" who can engage the audience on the personal and emotional level. Rachel is ready to help with this, and we should identify others who can, as well.

Media: Rachel recommends Naomi Klein's *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*.

Deb pointed out that next week there is a Nova episode on oceans and the climate.

Jeff Ramsey may be able to join Steve, Ginny and Rob at the national CCL conference in June if we can provide some financial support. Several indicated they would help.

### National activities for month

In particular, we should all contact our members of congress on June 22 to encourage them to participate in the lobbying day meetings on June 23 in Washington, DC.

### Local Chapter Issues/Activities

Ginny asked if we are willing to have our names appear in minutes on the website. Yes.

Next Palouse Region Chapter Meeting: Thursday June 4, potluck dinner at Rob and Ginny's in Pullman.

### This is the preferred language for our message:

97 percent of climate scientists are convinced, based upon the evidence, that human-caused global warming is happening.