

AGENDA – Jan. 16, 2020, 5:30-7:00pm
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
1912 Center, 412 East 3rd St. Moscow: Senior Center Room

Introductions

Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes

Announcements

- Reminder: new Pullman meeting location in even-numbered months: Fellowship Hall in Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave.
- GPNW Regional CCL Conference - Vancouver, WA, Feb. 28-March 1, 2020. [Click HERE to register and see program details!](#)
- National CCL Conservative Conference - Washington, DC, Feb. 3 – 4, 2020
- Columbia University Report on the Energy Innovation Act (laser talk attached below)
- Child Care for CCL-P meetings

Communication Exercise: Start a Conversation with an Conservative Community Leader

CCL-Palouse Reports and Business

- 2019 Successes!
- Our 2020 Action Plan
 - Draft:
 1. Grasstops: developing relationships and seeking endorsements of the EICDA
 - Priorities: Schweitzer, Northwest River Supply, Alta Engineering, McGregor, Papé
 - Return to businesses who signed the 2017 letter for EICDA endorsement
 2. Ag forum co-sponsored by local Chambers of Commerce?
 3. Pullman Climate Action Plan
 4. Latah County Commissioners
- Treasurer's Report and Radio spots – Steve
- Moscow High School Action
- Tabling and Presentations - Simon
- Publications
- Moscow Sustainable Environment Commission City Climate Action Plan - Mary
- Pizza/drinks Volunteers

National CCL Recommended Actions:

Plan In-District Lobbying

National CCL Monthly Call: Carlos John Wood, Jr. - Better Angels

Searching for ways to bridge the partisan divide in America, we hear this month from John Wood, Jr. at Better Angels, a national citizens' movement "to reduce political polarization in the United States by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes." Wood is a national leader for Better Angels, a former nominee for Congress, former Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Los Angeles County, and author of the upcoming book, "Transcending Politics: Perspectives for a Divided Nation."

Watch/listen at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>

- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30-7 at – Fellowship Hall, Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave., Pullman

COMMUNICATION EXERCISE: Start a conversation with a conservative community leader

Conservative community leaders can be good allies in persuading your members of Congress to support the Energy Innovation Act. Beginning a conversation with open questions is a good way to find out how concerned they are about climate change and whether they might help to advocate for the bill.

Exercise

You've scheduled a first phone call with Linda, the conservative CEO of a large local manufacturer. Linda has been in the news recently for highlighting the city council's unusually high business permit costs. Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the parts in the communication exercise below and then afterwards discuss what went well and what you'd do differently next time.

You: Linda, I appreciate that you're talking about your business permit concerns with the city council.

Linda: Thanks, it doesn't make sense to me that the city refuses to lower permit costs when three of our local businesses have already relocated to other towns.

You: It sounds like as a CEO you have experience with government inaction. I've also been thinking about gov't inaction lately, mostly in the area of climate change. How concerned are you about the climate?

Linda: I am a bit concerned about how climate change will impact my business. And my son has been studying climate change in his science class, and the future projections are really worrisome. But the problem is so big it's hard to know where to start. We all use oil to heat our homes in the winter.

You: It's true we need to both solve climate change and not increase our home heating costs. Have you seen any of the climate change solutions proposed by conservatives in Congress? I've done a lot of reading about these solutions because I think whatever we do must have bipartisan support to be durable.

Linda: I'd like it if the Democrats would work together with us Republicans and agree on some initial steps.

You: I agree. I do some volunteer work with an organization that is urging Congress to do that. I'd be happy to tell you about it when you have time. We advocate a market-based climate solution that is supported by both Republicans and Democrats because it's good for the economy and good for people.

Linda: Sure. I'd like to hear the main points.

Columbia University Report on the Energy Innovation Act

LASER TALK EXERCISE

Dr. Noah Kaufman and his team at Columbia University have published an exciting new report that projects the outcomes of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R.763.

Exercise

Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the laser talk paragraphs below and then say aloud in your own words what you remember and want to use.

Laser Talk - Benefits of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

The Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy (CGEP) recently released an analysis of H.R.763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

This milestone report concludes that H.R.763 would cut net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 36 to 38 percent by 2030 (from 2005 levels), exceeding U.S. commitments under the Paris Agreement. It would also improve Americans' health by reducing sulfur and mercury emissions by an eye-popping 95 percent and smog-forming NOx emissions by 75 percent.

Under this bill, CGEP says, electric power generation would rapidly shift to low- and zero-carbon sources including solar, wind, nuclear, and natural gas with carbon capture and storage.

They also confirmed that the carbon dividend would, as CCL has long argued, cushion energy price impacts for consumers. Overall, the dividends paid would be comparable to the increased energy costs, but low and middle-income households would receive *more* in dividends than they pay in higher prices.

The main message from the CGEP report is that a price on carbon is a uniquely cost-effective policy tool because it incentivizes emissions reductions wherever and however they can be achieved, and does so at the lowest cost. That's why economists overwhelmingly support a price on carbon as the most powerful first step to addressing climate change.

Resource

Columbia University Report, [An Assessment of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#)