

Minutes – August Monthly Meeting

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizen's Climate Lobby

Time: Wednesday, August 6 at 5:30 pm

Place: Daily Grind in Pullman

In attendance: Judy Meuth, Rob Briggs, Mary DuPree, Paul Spencer, Deb Olson, Bertie Weddell, Pat Friel, Ginny Lohr, Sandon Lohr, Steve Flint, Nancy Chaney, Jeff Ramsey, Al Poplawsky, Cherry Stalder, Jordan Rinehart

Thanks to note taker Judy Meuth. These minutes were prepared by Mary DuPree

Local Chapter Logistics

Next meeting: Sept. 10 in Moscow, either at La Madrid in the Eastside Marketplace or at Café Artista.

Website: Paul displayed a mockup based on the national CCL site; asked for authorization to buy a URL. Approved. After some discussion, the group suggested “Palouse CCL” and then reconsidered, deciding on “CCL Palouse.”

Announcements

The *Years of Living Dangerously* series will be available in September, and it has been requested for both the Moscow and Pullman libraries. Mary suggested others also request it for the Moscow P.L.

Nancy announced that Representative Labrador will have a town hall meeting at the 1912 Center on Thursday August 14 at 7 pm. This could be an opportunity to query him about climate change.

Nancy suggested that we present CCL proposal to the new disaster relief manager for Latah County.

Reports

August National Call General Barry McCafferty had been scheduled to speak but had to cancel. Scott Nystrom of REMI was on hand to answer questions.

Major points:

- REMI is non-ideological and has clients from across the board
- Report assumes a healthy nuclear industry. CCL members can use this information to their advantage, but with caution.
- REMI now has 3-page regional summaries on the CCL website
- Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D of Maryland, introduced Healthy Climate and Family Security Act of 2014 to Congress. It has some good aspects, especially a dividend to households, but calls for caps instead of fees. It appears MoCs are becoming more interested in dividend concept.
- Nystrom explained why REMI saw such positive job growth.

Action Items:

1. Meet with members of congress who will be on recess in August. (Steve Flint has not had a response from his request for a meeting with the Labrador staff.)
2. Advocate for CCL fee/dividend proposal as a partial way for states to meet the proposed EPA carbon emission regulations. Write to EPA to comment on their proposed rule. Information on the EPA draft, how CCL's fee/dividend proposal could help the states, and how to submit comments is at <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/action-sheet-august-2014/>

Program

Rob made an excellent Power Point presentation on the CCL, the fee/dividend proposal and the REMI report. He invited attendees to make comments on the structure/style of the presentation itself as well as ask the kinds of questions audiences are likely to pose. He answered some, as time allowed, and gathered written questions that he will respond to.

Interest Groups

Tabling: Pat Friel tabled at the Moscow Farmer's Market and had some interest expressed. There are no upcoming plans for tabling although it is generally agreed that we need to seek opportunities and to consider working the farmers markets. [Volunteers are welcome!]

Lobbying: Rob distributed postcard blanks for us to write to Reps. Labrador and McMorris Rogers. He also distributed some CCL bumper stickers.

Outreach: Pat Friel tabled and gave a presentation on CCL at the Nez Perce Climate summit in July and had some good questions. He will give a similar presentation to the Humanists of the Palouse on August 17.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.