

**Meeting Notes– July 20, 2017 – Monthly Meeting
Palouse Citizens’ Climate Lobby**

5:30-7:00pm, 1912 Center, Senior Center, 412 East 3rd St. Moscow

Introductions - Present: Judy Meuth, Deb Olsen, Paul Spencer, Peter Haug, Diana Armstrong, Mary DuPree, Kathy Dawes, Mac Cantrell, Brian Dietel, Katie Gieske, Adrienne Marshall, Jack Olson, Donna Erickson, Stefanie Krantz

Review of Minutes – Accepted as published on the website.

Announcements

- Judy: Eastern Washington CCL Tour update: The Tour, “Water, Wind and Fire: Saving our Farms, Forests, and Fish while Strengthening the Economy,” will be in our area Nov. 14, with events coordinated by Pete in Colfax and by Charlotte in Palouse.
- Judy: Pat Rathman helped arrange a movie for the public for August 3 at 7:00 p.m. at UUCP. The Movie “Chasing Coral” is about scientists and divers studying and learning about coral and the pressure it is under because of climate change.
- Mary: We have just over \$300 in our treasury, thanks to donations from our members.

Action Items from June meeting and updates from interest groups

- Mary collected information from those who sent letters, postcards to MoCs, and letters sent by webform to a MoC. This info will be entered by Marilyn into our Field Report for International CCL.
- Endorsement teams are working hard to gather signatures on Letters to MoCs. The teams met over beer/conversation Saturday July 15 at Mary’s.
- Katie: LC Valley CCL. The LC group-start workshop will be Sept. 9. All are invited.
- Pete gave a summary on the *NYT* article “Cracking Washington’s Gridlock”; the summary is now on CCL-P website. This article was very complimentary to the CCL.
- Tabling: Pullman Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Showcase, SEL Event Center, Tues. Aug.8, 10am-2pm (11:30 setup) Marilyn will table with help from Judy.
- Tabling: Palouse Sustainability Fair at PCEI, August 9, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is a \$20 registration fee and the fair is family oriented. Judy and Kathy will table and include an activity for kids.

Endorsement Campaign for Letters to Members of Congress

- To date we have dozens of signatures
- Mac, Judy and Mary are doing the database work. Anyone can send signature data to them rather than entering information in the database directly.
- The Moscow Planning commission has been visited and someone may try the City Council soon.
- Pete reported that he had visited the *Whitman County Gazette* but was only able to talk to the Office Manager who was supportive. Pete hopes to talk to the Editor.

- With regard to getting signatures from government employees – the Hatch Act does not say anything about endorsements even if they are for a partisan cause, and our endorsement effort is non-partisan.
- We would like to target organizations like city governments and chambers of commerce, as well as group enterprises – such as winery, ski area associations, etc. - for endorsements.
- We will develop a multiple signatures sheet which references the actual Letter to MoCs.
- Give/Send all endorsements, whether physical or email, to Mary DuPree (ID) or Judy Meuth (WA). We must archive these for documentation.

National Call – Donna: Andrew Jones is from Climate Interactive, a top-rated climate change think-tank that creates the simulations used in the United Nations negotiations. An expert on international climate and energy issues, he is frequently cited in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and other media. The podcast is at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/citizens-climate-lobby/id973194376?mt=2>

Mr. Jones gave 10 reasons for hope for progress on decreasing climate change and said that the U.S. role is critical for climate change and that putting a price on Carbon consumption which leads to carbon dioxide is the most effective action. Cities and State are responding with actions of their own even though the U.S. has decided to withdraw from the Paris Accord. However he still feels that the Paris agreement provides a powerful force for improvement and that the benefits will be obvious in the near term. Last year's CO2 emissions were the same as the previous year, so we may have reached the peak. It has also been reported that the Chinese production and consumption of coal has decreased. *Mr. Jones reminded us that social change usually looks impossible until it actually happens.*

In the introductory remarks by it was reported that there were 1350 delegates to the annual CCL conference, and 950 delegates lobbied Congress members. In the past month six new CCL groups have been formed.

Now available, C-ROADS is a free, award-winning computer simulator that helps people understand the long-term climate impacts of actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. You can use it to rapidly test strategies for tackling climate change.

<https://www.climateinteractive.org/tools/c-roads/>

National News: Congress last week defeated attempts to remove language on the threat of climate change to our national security from a defense authorization act for 2018. This amendment was defeated, and the House Climate Solutions Caucus was key to organizing members of Congress to oppose the amendment.

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/news/politics-government/article161472143.html>

National Actions for the Month

1. Plan meetings with MoCs during the August Recess (Steve: Senator Crapo)
2. Spread the word about Ted Halstead's Carbon Dividends TED talk.

https://www.ted.com/talks/ted_halstead_a_climate_solution_where_all_sides_can_win

We viewed the “TED Talk” by Ted Halstead, one of the leaders of the Climate Leadership Council. It was an enthusiastic and inspiring talk presenting a business and conservative oriented plan for helping decrease CO2 emissions. It is quite similar to the CCL proposal, but was presented explaining the advantages for the proposal in a way fits with business and conservative goals, especially the goal of reducing government regulation. One interesting point was that he suggested that the border adjustment applied to goods imported from countries which do not have a carbon tax would provide a strong incentive for them to apply their own carbon tax. We need one country to pioneer! Mary said that we (CCL) are urged to internalize the ideas and presentation methods of the TED talk argument because it may help us persuade audiences.

Other Business

Adrienne pointed out that the CCL Palouse Facebook page has only 4 followers. Please visit the page (<https://www.facebook.com/CCLPalouse/?ref=search>) and join as a follower!

Stephanie Krantz from Lewiston works on climate issues for the Nez Perce Tribe. She mentioned that there will be a Wildlife Society meeting in Moscow Nov. 16-17 with the theme of Safeguarding the Idaho Economy and Natural Resources. She will send details to Judy.

Brian Dietel brought a copy of the book *Drawdown*, a comprehensive analysis of methods for reversing global warming. He recommends it highly. It is edited by Paul Hawken and costs \$22.

Action Item List:

- Kathy and Judy - table at the Palouse Sustainability Fair at PCEI, August 9, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Judy will register CCL and pay the fee. Kathy will find an activity for kids.
- Marilyn and Judy - table at the Pullman Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Showcase, SEL Event Center, Tues. Aug.8, 10am-2pm.
- Endorsements on Letters to Members of Congress
 - Mary - send a list of local faith leaders with their emails to the signature teams.
 - Mary - develop and send a multiple signatures sheet.
 - All - add to Google spreadsheet of potential signers and signatures (or send info to Judy judymeuth@gmail.com or Mary maryhdupree@gmail.com).
 - All - give/send all endorsements, whether physical or email, to Mary (ID maryhdupree@gmail.com) or Judy (WA judymeuth@gmail.com).
- All - visit our CCL Palouse facebook page and join as a follower! (<https://www.facebook.com/CCLPalouse/?ref=search>)
- All - send Marilyn actions and links for reporting to national CCL (kvs21@frontier.com). Send published items to Paul to post on CCL-P website (paul-spencer@pullman.com).
- Stephanie - send Wildlife Society meeting details to Judy.
- All please consider donating to CCL-Palouse. Send check to CCL-Palouse to Pat Rathmann, 219 N. Lieuallen, Moscow 83843.

Next meeting August 17, 5:30-7 at the Umpqua Bank in Pullman