

**Minutes – July 18, 2018 Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**  
5:30-7:00pm, 1912 Center, Senior Center, 412 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Moscow

Present: Mary DuPree, Steve Flint, Pete Haug, Diana Armstrong, Mark Bordson, Kathryn Bonzo, Carolyn Shoemaker, Paul Spencer

Review of Minutes: No changes

Announcements and Reports

- Recent editorials and letters to the editor: Pete, Judy, Al, Mark.
- Update: Avista merger with Hydro One: Moscow hearing. There was a hearing about this on June 12. There were a lot of Sierra club and CCL members there, and the sentiment of the crowd was about 50-50 for and against. The merged company would phase out the Colestrip Montana coal fired plant by 2027, and would make provision for helping the displaced workers find jobs. A recent development may have postponed the merger – the Canadian utility's CEO was ousted by Ontario's new premier, and the entire board of directors submitted resignations.
- National Drive Electric event Sept. 8: CCL-P co-sponsor? The Sierra Club wanted the CCL Palouse to co-sponsor the event. The CCL members present agreed to this. We can talk to the City. We could have a display, but not at the Farmer's Market. Perhaps it could be at McCoy's plumbing with a sign to direct people to that location.
- Vote for Science (Union of Concerned Scientists): Commit to voting for science this year by texting "*Vote4Science*" to 662266 today.
- Washington State Carbon Tax. Initiative 1631 presented 370,000 signatures. It appears likely that this initiative will be on the fall ballot. CCL urges us to support this, though it is by no means a perfect initiative. Every step towards a national tax is important.
- Kathryn reported that the ALTA company is buying right of way for oil and gas pipelines. The town of Eagle (near Boise) is trying to use an ordinance to oppose this. Apparently there is a pooling rule that once 55% of the land has signed on, the whole thing goes through. This involves noisy compressor stations. The CAIA (Citizens Alliance for Integrity and Accounting) is opposing this. Kathryn is keeping an eye on this as it might also pertain to our part of Idaho.
- Pete Haug recommended the book by Hans Rosling "Factfulness"

Action Items from June meeting and updates from interest groups

- Actions Accomplished
- Letter writers needed for August, September. Diana and Mark agreed to try to develop letters to be sent to the newspapers
- Tabling: Moscow Farmer's Market sign up. (Marilyn, Charlotte, Jeff and Mary have tabled)
- Tabling: Judy has received CCL insurance to table at the Latah Co. Fair Sept. 13-16. Tablers are needed. Diana expressed interest.  
Also Lentil Festival, August 17, 5-7 and 7-9 (tentative – Judy Meuth is working on this).

- Mary will check out the possibilities for the Palousafest on August 18.

## CARBON PRICING

- National Call –July: Diana Armstrong.  
Adele Morris, fellow and policy director for Climate and Energy Economics at the Brookings Institution discussed the effect of a carbon tax on lowering carbon dioxide emissions and on air pollution. Phased planning is going on now. Financial disclosures by companies about carbon usage are increasingly used. While she supports CF/D, she believes that a small percent of the dividend should be set aside to help low-income households.
- World Bank Report on International Carbon Pricing: Mary DuPree. An excellent report is available at: [World Bank report on carbon pricing 2018](#). It is effective to show people the world map of all the countries that now, or will shortly, price carbon, either via Cap-and-Trade (Emissions Trading) or Carbon Taxes (Fees). The U.S. and India are alone among the world’s top 10 national economies that are not pricing carbon.
- Carbon Charges vs. Protectionism: Pete Haug. He reported on an article in *Nature*. “Beat protectionism and emissions at a stroke.” In the face of the current wave of US protectionism and retaliation by our trading partners, it’s time to push for Border Tariff Adjustments, for which there is growing international support. BTA’s “would level the emissions playing field by imposing the same economic burden on domestic and external manufacturers. Producers would lose the incentive to manufacture goods in places with weaker carbon regulations. Trade partners would then prefer to manufacture and export low-carbon products to avoid penalties.

## CCL-P Actions: focus for the coming year

Suggestions to date: health care community (effects of Climate Change – pollution and heat related illnesses) ; Moscow-Pullman shuttle, wineries. Additional suggestions are:

- One of the national calls mentioned that the weather presenters on TV could be an important way to advance the knowledge of Climate Change.
- A survey of high school students’ opinions and how they change with time was suggested. Paul said that a pilot program might be done with one set of classes such as the civics teachers. (Dale Boot in Moscow and Craig McCormick in Pullman). Kathryn queried how the survey might lead to actions.
- Affect the teaching standards that have to be covered.
- Volunteer to present something about Climate Change for teachers’ workshops required for professional development—for example at Moscow H.S. on some Fridays.

## National Actions for the Month

1. Develop relationships with candidates
2. Engage local elected officials

## Review Action items

- Work on preparations for the National Drive Electric event Sept. 8
- Volunteers are needed for tabling at the Moscow Farmers Market

- Mary will check out the possibilities for tabling at the Palousafest August 18.
- Judy Meuth is working on possibilities for the Lentil Festival, August 17
- Volunteers needed for Latah County Fair tabling Sept. 13-16.
- Quality pictures are needed for Power Point presentations. Please send Mary or Judy any pictures of meetings, tabling, relevant articles, lobbying etc.
- **Everyone:** Write letters and make calls to Congress members; ask candidates what actions they will support (or initiate) to address climate change. Don't ask "yes or no" questions.
- Anyone — Please let Mary and Judy know about any possible presentation opportunities at any organization to which you belong.
- **All** - send Marilyn info on actions and any links so she can report them to national CCL ([kvs21@frontier.com](mailto:kvs21@frontier.com)). Send published items to Paul to post on CCL-P website ([paul-spencer@pullman.com](mailto:paul-spencer@pullman.com))

Communications Exercise: Starting a relationship with a candidate (see the document included with the email announcing this meeting.)

Next Meeting September, 5:30-7pm, Moscow's 1912 Center (412 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St.), Senior Center.  
NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST!