

# Meeting Notes – June 2016 Monthly Meeting

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

**Time and Place:** 5:30-7 pm, June 16, 2016. Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, Pullman

**Present:** Mary DuPree, Charlotte Omoto, Tim Kohler, Marilyn Von Seggern, Judy Meuth, Diana Armstrong, Ginny Lohr, Nancy Bedirian, George Bedirian, Sandon Lohr, Steve Flint, Rob Briggs (note taker)

## Announcements

Jeff Ramsey has taken on the role of Liaison for Senator Jim Risch.

## Action Items from this Meeting

- All – participate in the CCL call-in to MOCs on June 20. Mary will send reminder email.
- Diana and Mary - table at Environmental Sustainability Fair at the Moscow Farmers' Market, June 18.
- Diana - report on the next International Call at our July meeting.
- Charlotte and Diana – banner and possibly fliers/bicycles for the July 4 Johnson parade.
- Judy and Mary – plan for a CCL informational meeting with rural/ag community; check with farmers for timing.
- All - suggest to Judy or Mary names of rural Whitman Co and north Latah Co folks who might attend a CCL information meeting focusing on ag/rural issues.

## Review of Action Items from May meeting

- Mary found out that the *Lewiston Tribune* does not take opinion pieces for the editorial page.
- Rob reported that Jeff and Anne will be attending the CCL conference in DC this month, but Ned will not be able to attend because of his job.
- Judy prepared materials for letter writing, phone calls prior to the CCL conference (see Actions below).
- Diana reported that we can table at the Moscow Food Coop almost any day for a cost of \$5. We will likely table there in September.
- Deb – check on meeting with Pullman Chamber of Commerce (Deb was not at the meeting)

## Report on CCL organization

Judy provided an update on CCL's focus on lobbying Congress this month. We are in a strong position, as the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication reported that 73% of registered voters are think the planet is warming.

## Monthly International Call report

Diana reported on the June 11 International Call and provided a handout on its main points. Climate change is now the 6<sup>th</sup> most important issue for Democrats; it is farther down the list of concerns for Republicans. The guest speaker was Bessie Schwarz, the Communications Strategist for the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication. Climate change has become more of a partisan issue since 2007/8, decreasing the percentage of Americans concerned about it. Recently however, 68% of registered voters say they would support a carbon fee and dividend initiative, including half of Trump supporters. Diana was enthusiastic about the call and encouraged others to listen to the monthly calls. Listen to the recorded June 11 Schwarz call at <http://ccl.podbean.com/e/june-2016-monthly-call-with-bessie-schwarz/> or read a summary at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-change-opinion-moving-in-the-right-direction/>

On the call, Mark Reynolds reminded listeners that CCL gets millions in “free advertising” through LTEs and Op-Eds, so keep those media pieces coming.

### Actions for the Month

In preparation for the June 21 DC lobby day meetings, CCL asks all members to call in on June 20 to their congressional offices and to ask allies to do so as well. Even a small number of calls on the same issue give a congressional office the feeling of being “swamped” with calls. Mary will send out a reminder email for the call-in. Judy handed out directions for calling in and using the CCL website to log the calls as well as for writing to MOCs. We each wrote to our MOCs; the letters will be hand-delivered during lobby meetings in DC next week.

### Updates from Interest Groups

#### **Outreach/Tabling:**

- Diana and Mary will table at the Environmental Sustainability Fair at the Moscow Farmers’ Market on June 18.
- July 4 outreach – We discussed participating in the Johnson parade in several ways: a CCL banner on Charlotte’s Tesla, bicycles, and fliers on CCL. The Tesla will have the CCL banner on one side and an I-732 banner on the other. Charlotte and Diana will take the lead on this outreach.
- Mary, Judy, and Al are planning a Palouse CCL-hosted information/discussion meeting for people working in agriculture and people living in rural areas and small towns in Whitman and Latah counties. The event will likely be held at the Palouse Caboose in Palouse, maybe in July. Charlotte suggested talking with farm friends to make sure the date doesn’t conflict with harvest.

#### **Media:**

Charlotte will write LTEs if someone forwards her information that would prompt a letter. Rob reported 4 recent media successes:

- Jeff’s Moscow Pullman *Daily News* LTE
- Ginny’s question to Cathy McMorris Rodgers at a community forum was picked up in reporting by the *Daily News*, *Lewiston Tribune*, and KRFP.
- Judy’s article on CCL and carbon fee and dividend in the Palouse Group Sierra Club newsletter
- Jeff’s interview at the Farmers’ Market with KRFP (aired June 4 and 11)

#### **Presentations:**

- The presentation group is beginning to meet again to plan presentations. Contact Mary if you are interested.
- Ginny has been invited to address a subcommittee of the Lewiston-Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Lobbying:**

Rob, Ginny, Judy, Jeff, and Anne will attend the CCL conference and lobby day in DC next week. Each person will visit and lobby several congressional offices.

### Volunteer Needs

- Filing field reports: file information on the CCL website for actions our group takes (LTEs, tablings, lobby meetings, etc.).
- Update Facebook: update our group facebook page with events, photos, information.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday July 21, 2016, 5:30-7pm, Senior Center in the 1912 Center, 412 East 3rd St., Moscow