



The Natural Resources Committee supports, promotes and protects the values and treasures of the Lewis-Clark Valley by providing natural resource issue awareness and education to the business community.

MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 16, 2016

The members attending the August NRC meeting included Jerry Klemm, Tony Snodderly, Mike Bowman, Riley Stark, Marvin Dugger, Belinda Campbell, Amber Rand, Katie Gieske, and Carole Asbury.

Jerry gave an update on Port business which is moving along; Tony shared the Senators Thank You to members who attended the meeting on campus and indicated that effects of dam maintenance schedule vs trucking is a subject of concern; Mike shared his concern for management of forest fires and state vs federal management of state lands; Riley, our Urban Forester updated us on their facility remodel, the Legacy Tree Program, and confirmed that any day you plant a tree is a good day; Marv observed that he and another member present had +40 years of service each with Potlatch/Clearwater; and Belinda reported on the upcoming Riverfest (10/1) activities including a bicycle ride, booths and many other activities in Granite Park - mark your calendars.

This month's program, 'Realistic and Effective Climate Policy: Help make it happen', was presented by Virginia Lohr, Volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), Palouse Region Chapter.

Virginia Lohr is a volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a rapidly growing nonpartisan organization of engaged citizens dedicated to passing revenue-neutral carbon fee & dividend legislation to address climate change. She has lobbied in Washington DC to promote CCL's market-based solution, which would reduce greenhouse gasses significantly while promoting both health & economic well-being.

"REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE CLIMATE POLICY: HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN"

Federal policy is needed to reduce air pollution from burning fossil fuels. All national and international academies of science recognize that the earth gets hotter as carbon dioxide levels rise. Temperature records show that the earth has been above average every year since 1976. Fossil fuels also harm health by adding asthma-causing particulates to the air. Government regulations to control global warming have been unpopular with many and have done little to reduce the problem.



Citizens' Climate Lobby

CCL has a market-based policy that scales to the size of the problem, reduces emissions effectively, and would be popular with industries and the public. It is revenue-neutral, so it doesn't raise taxes or grow the government. It places a gradually rising fee on fossil fuels where

they enter the economy. It starts at \$15 per ton CO2 (about 15¢/gal gas) and increases by \$10 each year. Industries have time to adjust as they see fit, rather than as dictated by regulations. A monthly dividend distributes proceeds from the fee equally to American families. Most will receive more money than they pay in higher costs, and that will boost the economy and create jobs.

More than 1000 companies have expressed support for pricing carbon. These include China Steel Corporation, Dow Chemical, Pacific Gas & Electric, and Royal Dutch Shell. A growing number of companies assume carbon will be priced and use an internal price when making decisions about future investments. These include Delta Airlines, Duke Energy, Exxon Mobil, Google, and Nissan.

Virginia suggested that we learn more about revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend policy at citizensclimate.lobby.org and consider helping to form a local CCL chapter (contact Katie Gieske atmc_gieske@yahoo.com). Virginia also brought endorsement statements that we can sign as individuals, organizations, or businesses to ask Congress to act on climate change or to ask them specifically to enact carbon fee and dividend legislation.

Thank you, Virginia, for spending this time with the NRC and presenting this innovative and exciting approach to addressing climate change.

Next Meeting: September 20th (3rd Tuesday) Quality Inn - Board Room.

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER EVENT NOTICE:

MEETING time at 10:30am due to the Chamber meeting at noon with the U.S. Chamber regarding the proposed overtime rules.

Coffee with Kay Gabriel, Rivers Northwest. September 20th at 10:30am Board Room. Get the latest updates on current events and development in water use, river traffic and related issues that affect the L-C valley.

Our special THANKS to the QI for providing the Board Room for the NRC meeting.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 20TH (3RD TUESDAY) AT 10:30, QUALITY INN - BOARD ROOM, RSVP REQUIRED BY CALLING CHAMBER OFFICE

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Carole Asbury: Co-Chair
Kip Kemak: Co-Chair
Mike Bowman: Program Chair



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