

Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
Minutes Nov. 19, 2020, 5:30-7:00pm Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Lauren Carlsen; Judy Meuth; Mary DuPree, Chair; Amelie Schmolke; Simon Smith; Michael Kahn; Pete Haug; Kathy Dawes; Kynan Witters-Hicks; Steve Flint; Linda Jovanovich; Bill Engels; Mac Cantrell; Diana Armstrong; Martina Ederer; Margaret Davis; Diane Noel; Patrick Robichaud; Trish Hartzell; Marilyn Von Seggern, Recorder

Thank you to Everyone—the year's list of activities and volunteers was discussed.

Remembering Mark Bordsen—Mary and Pete remembered Member Marcus Bordsen, Colfax, who died in early November.

Announcements

- CCL Palouse Website transfer is complete – see new page at <http://cclpalouse.org/> .Let Mary know if you have suggestions for content. Under Resources you'll find bylaws, agenda, and minutes
- **December CCL Conference—Dec. 5-6 :** <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/december-2020-online-conference/> National conference on Dec. 5 with well-known speakers and members from your own state; Sunday, Dec. 4—optional seminars on various topics; register soon, it's free.
- **December Call Congress Day-Dec. 3:** Spread the word on social media; ask one friend, etc., to join you to ask your MoC to support the EICDA. cclusa.org/call.
 - Go deeper at <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/376>

CCL-Palouse Reports and Actions

- Treasurer's report—Steve: After we pay the radio station bill we will still have \$500 in account Thank you, all, for your generosity.
- Radio Spots - Steve, Patrick KRAQ Radio 102.5 ran a CCL ad for a whole month. Kathy , Mary D. and Will Hume recorded 3 ads. Patrick placed shorts on 2 WSU student radio stations.
- Ag Outreach – Mac, Eric: If you did not hear John O'Connor talk on Idaho Farming: Challenges in a Warming Climate, see it here: <https://youtu.be/xwApTPF8I70> ; Adam Novak and conservative CCL members from Pocatello are putting together an Idaho Conservative caucus for conservatives or anyone who wants to connect with conservatives. Let Mary know. WA farmers will join CCL lobby teams in December.
- Pullman Climate Action Plan – Marilyn: Pullman team is putting together a community baseline survey modelled after one from Bainbridge island; we are making changes and will join WSU survey workshop to get feedback; Questions: How are we going to use survey results? What will it take for city of Pullman to take results seriously? If you have thoughts about this, please let Kynan and Simon know.
- Moscow Climate Action Plan – Mary: Climate Action Working Group is moving ahead on an impacts report; there will be a public meeting in Jan. to gather input and then they will start meeting with civic groups to explain their work.
- Grasstops Relationships – Mary, Kathy: Business and other individual endorsements are very important; we need to go back to them soon and will address them in our Dec. meeting. Kathy gave example of local contact she is working with; endorsements are public and can be used for publicity.
- Publications – Judy: there have been articles in the *Spokesman Review* and *Daily News*; *Salt Lake Tribune* published photo of "VOTE CLIMATE" sign-waving which was also used by NWPB. The sign waving also prompted an *Evergreen* article.

- Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home> Diane is willing to take care of reporting published media and individuals should take care of other actions and team actions. Monthly calling campaign calls are already reported and should not be reported again, but other calls should be entered in action tracker which is easy to use; those statistics are important for lobbying teams
- Virtual postcards - Pick a photo of yourself and something you love in the photo, write a ~50 word testimonial about why you support the EICDA. Send the photo and testimonial to Sylena at sylena.harper@wsu.edu Double your impact by helping a friend or family member send a photo and testimonial to Sylena, too.

Analysis of the Lame Duck and 2021 Congress re. climate legislation: Trish Hartzell. This was a report by Danny Richter which included 3 goals: 1. Interpretation of the 2020 election results, 2. Limitations, opportunities, and overall goals in Lame Duck Session, and 3. Likely course of action and goals for new Congress. To view Richter's seminar: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/events/item/24/4795>

WA and ID Breakout Rooms—discuss December virtual lobby meetings with Members of Congress

WA—a virtual meeting with Michael Taggart (aide to Cathy McMorris Rodgers) will be on Dec. 8 with a focus on agriculture. A small team will include 2 area farmers; we will ask McMorris Rodgers to adopt the EICDA and also endorse the Growing Climate Solutions Act. Practice sessions are being scheduled; let Judy know if you have a personal story about impacts of climate change you are experiencing.

ID—Mac discussed the upcoming virtual meeting with Senator Crapo, himself, and staff. Trish and Lauren will be part of the team, as well as an economist from S. Idaho. Mac stressed the importance of the Dec. 3 calls and of grasstops endorsements in moving our MoC's toward climate action. Senator Crapo is one of the most powerful US Senators in financial affairs.

Plan Calls to Congress Pledge to call your MOCs on Dec. 3 and decide on one other person you will ask to call alongside you.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 17, 5:30-7:00 pm on Zoom