

Meeting Notes – May 18, 2017 –Monthly Meeting
Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens’ Climate Lobby
5:30-7:00pm, 1912 Center Senior Center, 412 East 3rd St. Moscow

Introductions Present: Judy Meuth, Deb Olsen, Amelie Schmolke, Bertie Weddell, Steve Flint, Paul Spencer, Pete Haug, Jerry Lewis, Adrian Marshall, Tom Jobson, Lee Powers, Beth Powers

Review of Minutes No Corrections needed

Announcements

CCL Eastern WA Tour: The date has been changed to Friday, November 10. Pete Haug is organizing an event in Colfax and Charlotte Omoto will do the same for Palouse. In Uniontown David Moffett will host an event at the Wawawai Canyon Winery.

Pullman Chamber of Commerce membership: Marilyn has donated a membership for the Palouse CCL.

Action Items from April Meeting and Updates from Interest Groups

- Outreach/Tabling:
 - Adrian and Mary tabled at U of Idaho and talked with undergraduates including environmental studies students.
 - CCL members participated in both the March for Science and the Climate March and tabled at the latter.
- Presentations: None this month
- Lobbying: None this month
- LTE’s:
 - Charlotte Omoto’s OpEd in the *Daily News* explained why we need a carbon tax and described the option of a revenue neutral tax where the revenue is returned to citizens and the option of a tax where the revenue is used by the government for other causes including education funding.
 - Pete Haug has submitted a letter which has not yet been published.
- Letters/Postcards to Members of Congress: None.

National Call Watch at <http://ccl.podbean.com/>

Steve Flint reported that The CCL founder Marshall Saunders stated that there were many new CCL chapters founded last month. He introduced Dr. Natasha DeJarnett, policy analyst in the American Public Health Association’s Center for Public Health Policy. Her specialty areas are climate change and environmental exposures, including cardiovascular and respiratory risks of air pollution exposures. She explained that climate change has the potential for affecting public health through increasing pollen levels, smoke from wild fires, more intense storms, higher moisture levels (increased mold), more episodes of extreme heat, water contamination from floods, increased incidence of vector-borne diseases such as zika virus and West Nile disease, etc., in addition to the mental health problems from the increased stress from all these factors. She suggested the switch to non-fossil fuels would decrease the pollution due to the ash

particulates, coal tar, mercury, sulfur dioxide, and radioactive elements etc. which are emitted in large quantities from many coal burning power plants.

National Actions for the Month

1. **Call in to members of Congress on June 9** just before CCL members lobby Congress. It is powerful to have constituents communicate with their Congress persons. Please put this on your calendars and propose it to other people -- **then remind them!** Judy handed out a Call-in Day June 9 guidance document.
2. Write letters for presentation to members of Congress on June 13. This is for the June 11-13 CCL Conference and Lobby Day in Washington D.C. Approximately 1000 members of CCL will be meeting with members of Congress and their staffs on June 13! We spent several minutes writing a card(s) to our members of Congress. Judy will deliver the cards in DC.
3. Make plans for DC Lobby Day meetings. Steve Flint reported that he will coordinate with 6 Idaho attendees, all from Southern Idaho. The main effort for these Lobby Day meetings will be to ask members of Congress to support the carbon fee and dividend proposal. The CCL lobbyists will also make a secondary ask that is specific, public, and actionable. We discussed a number of possible asks to make, such as: holding a town hall meeting on climate change, asking the armed services committees to have hearings on the national security risks of climate change, reviewing the REMI report and Household Impacts study with colleagues, signing the House Republican Climate Resolution, and joining the House Climate Solutions Caucus.

Endorsement Letter Campaign

There was a general discussion of the goals, schedule, potential signers, and how to approach signers for our campaign to gather signatures on letters to our members of Congress. Judy handed out two related documents: 'Endorsement Letter Strategy/information' and 'Initiating Contacts with Potential Leaders/Signers'. To those who are interested in gathering signatures, Judy and Mary will send out an email template for contacting potential signers, the WA and ID Letters to members of Congress, instructions on contacting potential signers, and access to the Google spreadsheet of potential signers.

Other

Pete Haug mentioned that the Heartland organization has sent out a packet to science teachers which is propaganda against teaching about climate change. He suggested that we should write to the local science teachers explaining the shortcomings of the Heartland ideas.

Review of Action Items from this meeting

1. Judy and Mary will send out the WA and ID Letters to members of Congress, an email template for contacting potential signers, instructions on contacting potential signers,

and access to the Google spreadsheet of potential signers. Paul will put these documents on the CCL website.

2. **All** add to Google spreadsheet of potential signers for our Letters to members of Congress (or send potential signers' names to Judy or Mary).
3. **All** please consider donating any amount to CCL-Palouse treasury. Send check to CCL-Palouse to Pat Rathmann, 219 N. Lieuallen, Moscow 83843.
4. **All** - send Marilyn actions and any links so she can report them to national CCL (kvs21@frontier.com). Send published items to Paul to post on CCL-P website (paul-spencer@pullman.com)

Next meeting June 15, 5:30-7pm, Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, 225 N. Grand Avenue, Pullman.