

**Meeting Notes - August 17, 2017 - Monthly Meeting
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**

5:30-7:00pm, Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, 225 N. Grand Ave., Pullman

Present: Judy Meuth, Deb Olson, Paul Spencer, Mary DuPree, Kathy Dawes, Brian Di-etel, Katie Gieske, Adrienne Marshall, Masoud Kazemi, Marilyn Von Seggern, Amelie Schmolke, Bertie Weddell, Al Poplawsky

Addition to the Agenda: Discussion of environmental justice (after the National Call)

Review of Minutes: Accepted as published on the website.

Announcements

- Presentation to Moscow Public Works Finance Committee on Greenhouse Gases by Kelli Cooper, Aug. 28, 3pm. Please let Mary or Judy know if you want to attend this.
- David Goodrich, a climate scientist who made a bicycle journey across the U.S. and wrote the book *A Hole in the Wind*, will visit the U.I. on August 31.
- LC Valley CCL Group Start Meeting - Sept. 9, 9:00-12:00, Methodist Church, Clarkston. (The church is near the hospital.) People from CCL-Palouse are invited and encouraged to attend!
- WA CCL Tour will be in both Palouse and Colfax on Nov. 14, and in Sandpoint Nov. 17.
- Bob Inglis, a Republican former representative from S. Carolina, now heads a climate action group called RepublicEn that may visit the Pullman-Moscow area in November.
- CCL-Palouse will co-sponsor Al Gore's film *An Inconvenient Sequel* with PESCE at the Kenworthy in November, date TBA. We'll also co-sponsor a second showing of *Chasing Coral* with PESCE in September and advertise especially to students.
- The owners of Living in the Garden have offered their facility for a CCL-Palouse event.
- Another get-together to discuss CCL signature gathering for our letter to members of Congress will be Thursday, August 31 at 4:30 p.m. at Judy's home, 302 Sand Rd., Pullman.
- Pete Haug sent Judy an email with the news that the Senate Committee on Appropriations has turned away from proposed 2018 DOE budget efforts to defund clean energy. As well, many states are using the social cost of carbon emissions in their energy decisions.

Communication Exercise - Judy introduced an exercise of a group member explaining the group's purpose. After each explanation, the listener said, "So What?" This was repeated 3 or 4 times until the explanation was short, strong, direct, and said why the

explainer was personally committed. We divided into groups of 2 or 3 to practice getting our message explained in this way, getting to the heart of the message.

Action Items from July Meeting and Updates from Interest Groups

- Tabling - Marilyn & Judy at Pullman Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Showcase Aug 8. Kathy & Judy at Palouse Sustainability Fair, Aug 9; they had demonstrations ready for young people, handed out lots of flyers, and obtained endorsement signatures.
- Facebook - Adrienne & Katie. There are now 15 followers! Pictures are needed, so send them to Adrienne or Katie.
- Presentations - Mary & Judy: KRFP interview, July 23. The interview lasted an hour and was very wide ranging, including information about the Climate Solutions Caucus. Diana Armstrong also spoke to the Moscow Food Co-op Board; the board is considering an organization endorsement.
- Lobbying - There was no lobbying this month. We received no information from multiple queries about a town hall for Representative McMorris Rodgers (as short as 2 days before the day the website was opened for requests to join a limited attendance meeting). The limited number of passes were allotted in 47 minutes after the site opened!
- LTE's - Mary, Pete, and Marilyn published pieces in the *Moscow-Pullman Daily News*.
- Stephanie - will send Wildlife Society meeting details to Judy
- Letter to MoCs - Mary developed a multiple signatures sheet and a list of local faith leaders that were sent to the signature teams.

National Call - Brian. Paul Hawken is the author of *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*. The book is based on the work of researchers from around the world who identified, researched and modeled the 100 most substantive, existing solutions to address climate change. What was uncovered is a path forward that can roll back global warming within thirty years. It shows that humanity has the means at hand. Nothing new needs to be invented. Watch at https://zoom.us/recording/play/8D0fuiFJBugqkrboiVJSn6ZS_1Ww1dPZYyLFyH78w-Cl447vaOin-YETmKoFZc7RK

Environmental Justice - Mary started a discussion of whether we should address what happened in Charlottesville. What we do with CCL has a lot to do with environmental justice - all around the world. The question is how we stand on racism. We are part of a larger community. Someone mentioned that CCL National has policies on Environmental Justice, so we should be able to do this also. By consensus, we agreed to put a statement on our website on environmental justice and against racism. Judy, Adrienne and Mary will do this.

Endorsement Campaign on Letters to Members of Congress -- We are working on getting more signatures. Most organizations say "Come make a presentation." Mary will make a specific "Ask" for a group endorsement to the Moscow Rotary, and Judy has asked Pullman Kiwanis to give her a date to make a presentation. Judy's also working

with the Pullman Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs and Economic Development Committee regarding a presentation.

Further suggestions from the group on organizations to approach for endorsement of the letter to members of Congress included:

- Sierra Club - Al will approach
- Moscow Sustainability Council - this is already in the works
- Idaho Native Plant Society - Bertie will approach
- Audubon Society
- Humane Society
- Boy and Girl Scouts - Deb knows a contact
- Hunting and Fishing organizations
- Moscow Mountain Bike Assoc. (MAMBA) - Al will ask?
- TJ - at Paradise creek Bicycles
- PESCE
- Pea & Lentil Growers - Mary suggested approaching Tim McGreevy
- Elks Lodge
- Moose Lodge
- Latah County Commissioners - already in the works
- Palouse Roadrunners

Mary reminded us that we can present the signatures to members of Congress in mid-November in time for the next CCL Congressional Lobby Day. Judy pointed out that we can continue to work on these endorsements after that time, as well.

National Actions for the Month

1. Schedule presentations with community groups: (See Endorsement Campaign above.)
2. Write letters to the editor calling for congressional action on climate change: Judy asked for someone to write a letter concerning recent reports in the local newspaper on climate change and on the work of the Climate Solutions Caucus.
3. Practice laser talk about the Climate Solutions Caucus: We deferred this to another time.

Actions for next month.

- Judy will send out an announcement about the get-together for the signature gathering team. It will be Thursday, August 31, 4:30.
- Adrienne, Mary, and Judy write a statement on environmental justice and against racism for our website.
- All - Try to attend the LC Valley CCL Group Start Meeting - Sept. 9, 9:00-12:00, Methodist Church, Clarkston. (The church is near the hospital.) Mary is planning to go; contact her if you want to go (maryhdupree@gmail.com).
- Pictures are needed for the Facebook page, so send them to Katie (mcgieske@gmail.com).
- All - Volunteer to write a letter concerning recent reports in the local newspaper on climate change and on the work of the Climate Solutions Caucus.

- Al will approach the Sierra Club and MAMBA to endorse the letter to members of Congress.
- Bertie will approach the Idaho Native Plant Society to endorse the letter to members of Congress.
- Judy will schedule a tutoring session about CCL and CCL actions.
- All add to Google spreadsheet of potential signers for our Letters to members of Congress (or send potential signers' names to Judy or Mary). judymeuth@gmail.com maryhdupree@gmail.com
- All - send Marilyn info on 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 Sept 21, 5:30-7pm, 1912 Center Senior Center, 412 East 3rd St. Moscow