

**Minutes – April 18, 2019**  
**Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**  
5:30-7:00pm, Umpqua Meeting Room, Pullman

**Attending:** Linda Jovanovich, Bertie Weddell, Deb Olson, Steve Flint, Carlos Simms, Brian Dietel, Katie Gieske, Carolyn Shoemaker, Diana Armstrong, Ilan Carter, Mac Cantrell, Mark Bordsen, Peter Haug, Simon Smith, Marilyn Von Seggern, Jeffrey Joswig-Jones, Carolyn Joswig-Jones, Casey Johnson, Mary DuPree, Judy Meuth

**Introductions**

**Additions to the Agenda**

Items are included in Announcements below.

**Review of Minutes**

There were no additions to the minutes.

**Announcements**

- CCL International Conference & Lobby Day, June 9-11, 2019 in D.C. [cclusa.org/conference](http://cclusa.org/conference) . Eight members of our CCL group are attending and lobbying, including four Moscow High School students!
- There will be a Cathy McMorris Rodgers Town Hall meeting, April 22 at 9:30-10:30, 310 N. Main St., Colfax. Marilyn, Mark, Simon, Linda, and Judy plan on attending.
- Staff of Senators Risch and Crapo and Representative Fulcher meeting, April 23, 11:00-12:00, 313 D St #105, Lewiston. Mac is organizing this meeting and asks anyone in the district to join him in the meeting.
- Lobby meeting with Idaho Senator Crapo's representative Tony Snodderly at 3:30 pm May 29 at Café Artista, Moscow. Mac is organizing this meeting; several group members will join him.
- Give Facebook "likes" to Denny Heck (Congressman from WA 10<sup>th</sup> district): first of WA delegation to endorse EICDA
- Moscow Mayor's Earth Day Awards: CCL-Palouse was chosen for the organizational award! Mac, Mary and Al accepted the award for the chapter.
- Kathy Dawes has developed a hands-on climate lesson for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. It was piloted successfully in Kathryn Bonzo's classroom. At the ID and E WA CCL Conference, Kathy will have hand-out copies of the lesson and a demonstration of experiments for the lesson.
- April 26-28 LC Valley CCL will be tabling at Art under the Elms at LCSC. Brian passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone who can help table.
- Leslie Carr Childers will speak on land use at UI on May 2. Casey has the details for this talk.

**New Washington State Carbon Reduction Legislation:**

Pete described the WA legislation that would require all energy to be carbon-neutral by 2030! It is considered likely to become law. He also noted that Microsoft has just come out saying we need a carbon tax.

**CCL—Palouse Business**

Mary announced that our CCL group needs volunteers for Secretary, Treasurer, and Website Manager. Steve Flint volunteered to be Treasurer. Mary asked that other members think about volunteering for one of these positions and to let her or Judy know if you are interested.

**National CCL Monthly Call – Rev. Susan Hendershot, Interfaith Power and Light.** Due to a tight schedule this meeting, Mary asked members to watch/download/listen to the call on their own at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>

**National CCL Action:** Tweet CCL Outreach photos to our Members of Congress. Tag our MoCs (e.g. @RepTedDeutsch using the hashtag #GrassrootsClimate in the tweet). Mary asked that conference attendees take pictures of the event and send your best photos to Mary.

### **Laser Talk Practice: Economic Impacts of Pricing Carbon**

We paired up and practiced the communication exercise pasted below.

**ID & E WA CCL Conference – April (19)-20, Moscow, ID** <https://2019ccldandewa.eventbrite.com>

We worked on final plans and details for the conference which begins tomorrow.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday May 16, 5:30-7 in Moscow at the 1912 Center’s Senior Center.

## **Economic impacts of pricing carbon**

### **LASER TALK PRACTICE**

Our laser talk practice offers some useful talking points about carbon pricing impacts that you can use while tabling and presenting, and in your lobby meetings.

#### **Exercise**

Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the laser talk paragraphs below and then ask each other open-ended questions (usually start with What, How, Where, When or Who).

#### **Laser Talk: Won’t a carbon fee be bad for the economy?**

A properly designed carbon policy will be good for the economy. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act [1] will have a positive impact on our well-being, especially if we consider the avoided costs of climate change and the health benefits from reduced air pollution.

An impressive *98 percent* of economists agree that a price on carbon will promote efficiency and innovation. [2] A 2013 review by Resources for The Future [3] held that the impact of various carbon tax plans on GDP would be “trivially small,” and a 2014 analysis of the Carbon Fee and Dividend by REMI [4] predicted that over 20 years, it would actually increase job growth.

Neither of those studies accounted for how much money we will save by avoiding fossil fuel damages. [5] According to a 2016 government report, every metric ton of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emitted now will cost tomorrow’s economy from \$12 to \$120, and that cost could double by 2050. [6] We currently emit over 200 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per second. [7] In 2017, a string of climate-related disasters cost our economy over \$300 billion. [5]

If we include the health costs of fossil fuel air pollution, which have been estimated at \$188 billion annually, [8] it’s clear that burning fossil fuels is already costing our economy upwards of \$250 billion a year. This was confirmed by the Fourth National Climate Assessment [9] issued by our government in November 2018.

When someone claims a carbon tax will depress the economy, they fail to consider how returning the money back to U.S. households stimulates it, and also fail to account for the huge costs of doing nothing.