

**Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**  
**MINUTES April 15, 2021, 5:30-7:00pm Zoom Meeting**

Attendees: Judy Meuth, Mary DuPree, Mac Cantrell, Paul Spencer, Mark Havens, Lauren Carlsen, Simon Smith, Bill Engels, Margaret Davis, Francy Pavlas Bose, Marilyn Von Seggern, Kayla Bordelon, Joe Vaughan, Casey Johnson, Linda Jovanovich, Jesse Brazil, Pete Haug, Martha Lovett, Amelie Schmolke, Lily

**Announcements**

- Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA), H.R. 2307, was reintroduced April 1 (no joke)! [energyinnovationact.org](http://energyinnovationact.org) Has 38 co-sponsors so far, Rep. Deutch introduced it.
- Palouse CCL Earth Day events, April 22 and 24 (details announced/discussed later in the meeting)
- Climate 101 series - excellent overview of the climate change imperative and solutions. Tri-Cities CCL is hosting the 10 to 20-minute Project Drawdown videos plus discussion at 7:30 pm Apr 23 & 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27. To join any date, go to zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81939843842?pwd=RmkxbFdqeGtKV2NJZlrekZGV1VGdz09>
- CCL Conference June 12-13, Lobby Days June 14-18; the conference and lobbying will be virtual again.
- Book recommendation: *The Ministry for the Future*, Kim Stanley Robinson – Mary recommends the book and calls it an “anti-dystopian novel”; story addresses the consequences of climate change in the future, incl. economic issues, adaptations. Good and optimistic story, but also a realistic depiction of future impacts of climate change.

**CCL-Palouse Reports and Actions**

- Update on CCL-Palouse finances (Treasurer: Steve Flint): we have over \$600 in our CCL account, and can finance member projects such as sign printing etc.
- Lobby Meetings in March with Members of Congress (MOCs)
  1. Lobby meeting with Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA 05) – Simon reported a cordial and constructive meeting; CMR was very happy to hear us thanking her for her action on hydropower, she requested comments on salmon-related actions.
  2. Lobby meeting with Sen. Crapo (ID 01) – Casey emphasized how the relationship Mac built with Crapo’s office was very important, reflected in the knowledge of the staff; Mac reported a meeting, noted that two members of the senate finance committee (senior advisors) were in the meeting as well. This shows interest from their side, but Mac also stated that it is still a long haul until action from their side can be expected.
  3. Meeting with WA State Senator Joe Schmidt (Mar 23) – Bill presented and lobbied for the Heal Act to the senator who appeared open to look into it.
- Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 2307 – Judy introduced the main messages of the Act:
  - Net zero by 2050
  - Affordable
  - Saves lives
  - Puts money in your pocket

The re-introduced EICDA is mostly the same as the one introduced previously, but the regulatory pause was dropped from the new bill. The net-zero goal by 2050 was based on an article by Noel Kaufmann that states that it is possible to get to net zero in 2050, but requires additional actions. Fluorinated gases were removed from the new EICDA; options for carbon sequestrations have been increased. Border adjustment revenues would go to the Green Climate Fund rather than added be to the dividend, following a WTO condition. The Green Climate Fund helps countries with less money to fight climate change. The fees paid domestically still go to the dividends. Mary noted that the removal of the pause on other regulation will win allies (other climate/environmental groups, progressives).

How do we get the EICDA passed?

Write to members of Congress

Write to President Biden

Write letters to media

- Send a postcard to President Biden to let him know of broad support for carbon pricing and the EICDA [cclusa.org/postcardhelp](https://cclusa.org/postcardhelp) (President Biden, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500)  
Somewhat convoluted what's suggested on the link above. Instead, any postcard sent to the address above works. On the card, tell President Biden how popular carbon pricing and the EICDA are. The goal is to get at least 3000 postcards to him in the next couple of weeks. This is the first time that CCL has asked us to directly reach out to the president.
- Write your Members of Congress (MOCs) to let them know their constituents love the EICDA! [cclusa.org/write](https://cclusa.org/write)
- Palouse CCL Earth Day Events
  - Sign Waving: April 22, 3pm on, Main intersections, Pullman and Moscow – Simon announced socially distanced sign waving around Pullman downtown, meet in front of Sanctuary (old Armory); Judy will be at the corner of Grand and Stadium (across from Dissmores). The signs have a QR code on them that leads folks to the CCL monthly calling campaign. Contact Simon for signs. Simon reached out to WSU student group, but they had a time conflict. Mary has signs for sign waving in Moscow, no specific plans for sign waving in Moscow (everyone to choose their own time/place). Let her know if you want to wave.
  - Climate Ribbons: April 24, 3-7pm, Moscow Friendship Square – Kayla is leading an interactive participatory art display. Participants are asked: What to you love and hope to never lose to climate change? The answers are written on ribbons and hung for display. Tabling will happen at the same time at Friendship square. Other groups may join for tabling: e.g., Sierra Club.

Judy will attend the tree planting event at Rose Creek and have folks writing on ribbons then too. If there are other events prior to April 24 where people might want to write on ribbons, get in touch with Kayla. UI students will be offered to participate throughout the week and Kayla is also collecting responses online from UI students. She asked for responses from the present CCL members during the meeting. The digital ones will not

appear with names on the ribbons, but during the live event, ask people to put their names and age on the ribbons.

Advertising of the event:

- Feature article in Inland 360 is coming up next week about the event and CCL.
- Write letters to Daily News, Lewiston Tribune, Evergreen.
- Kayla to reach out to UI Argonaut; Patrick and Jesse might do Evergreen.
- Announcement on local radio stations? Margrit Von Braun will do this.

One World Café will bring coffee to the Friendship Square. Should we offer other beverages? Mary contacted potential musicians and is working on a plan in case of rain. Judy will send announcements to Pullman Church communities.

- Grassroots – Invite friends to these events and also to national CCL’s Wednesday night [info session](#), and/or to sign up for Monthly Calling Campaign: [www.cclusa.org/mcc](http://www.cclusa.org/mcc) - Mac
  - Media – Write LTEs, use social media to show MOCs support for carbon pricing, EICDA. – Margaret volunteered and Pete has an op-ed coming out.
  - Log actions in the [Action Tracker](#)
- Pullman Climate Action Plan – Marilyn: starting to work intensely with a couple of city councilors (Nathan Weller, Dan Records), trying to raise further interest in collaboration on the planned CCL climate action survey for Pullman, asking city administration what they would want to find out with the survey, and whether the city will host the survey on the city website. Pete suggested to loop in Eileen Macoll (city council) as well. Simon - The survey is quite refined now. Mark: Mind that the website that hosts the survey needs to be able to automatically collect data into a table.  
Pullman Comprehensive Plan: Special meetings are going on (first one was last night) – Marilyn and Judy are attending and trying to emphasize climate action as goal in the plan.
  - Moscow Climate Action Plan – Mary: the climate action working group is currently working its way through city commissions. On April 19, Moscow will have a celebration for meeting previously set goals (ready to set new goals).
  - Sierra Club - Sign up for delivery of a Moscow 100% Clean Energy yard sign: <https://forms.gle/8bwFfUYEZjbeRHuy5> . Sign petition: <https://addup.sierraclub.org/campaigns/ready-for-100-clean-energy-in-moscow-idaho>
  - Chambers of Commerce—no news from Pullman. Mary will meet new head of Moscow Chamber of Commerce next month, asks for volunteer to join her.
  - Publications – Two Op-eds in the Daily News by Pete last month. Judy stressed importance of letters to keep the issue in everyone’s mind and encourages folks to write letters.
  - University student organizing— Kayla, Lauren, Patrick – no specific updates beyond Earth day events.

- Monthly Calling Campaign - Mac: CCL is simplifying the calling campaign process. He is looking for someone to be administrator for WA (our area); some overlap with social media; Jesse volunteered for the Washington side of CCL-P.
- Send information for social media posts to [sydney.mejia@wsu.edu](mailto:sydney.mejia@wsu.edu)

**Communications Exercise** (at end of Agenda)

Comments on exercise - Mark: folks should have web links ready to provide to people with the assertions; additional argument for conservatives: why not let businesses be creative and come up with solutions (bottom-up rather than top-down imposed from government)?

**Monthly Guest Speaker: Rev. Franklin Ruff, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stillwell, KS.**

At a time when distrust and animosity between our political parties appears to be at an all-time high, we need to take a step back and find ways to work together so we can solve the big problems facing our nation. We hear this month from Rev. Franklin Ruff who is also the Red Co-Chair of the Braver Angels Kansas City Alliance. Rev. Ruff is a conservative who says, "One of the things we can do to make [our country] better is look and see the humanity of others and to be humble." He'll talk about how to bridge differences and listen to each other to find common ground. [https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/426?\\_ga=2.249976975.807294713.1618074345-582008070.1615663064](https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/426?_ga=2.249976975.807294713.1618074345-582008070.1615663064)

Mary: suggested watching some of the Braver Angel debates online to experience good debate between conflicting viewpoints.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 20, 5:30-7:00 pm on Zoom

**COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE - Practice citing a conservative or liberal trusted messenger**

Listeners are more likely to hear a message when they trust the messenger, so we use trusted messengers a lot to convey support for our work.

**Carbon pricing support statements from trusted messengers**

**[Liberal]**

- In their February, 2021 report, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine recommended that Congress, "Implement a carbon price of \$40t/CO2 in 2021 rising at 5 percent per year, targeting emissions from all uses of fossil fuels and industrial processes with GHG emissions. At these levels, existing research suggests equity and competitiveness concerns can be ameliorated."

**[Conservative]**

- In a January, 2021 statement, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce wrote that they, "support a market-based approach to accelerate GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions reductions across the U.S. Economy."
- Larry Fink, Chairman and CEO of global investment manager Blackrock, said in his 2020 letter to CEOs, "... we signed the Vatican's 2019 statement advocating carbon pricing regimes, which we believe are essential to combating climate change."