

Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
Minutes for July 15, 2021, 5:30-7:00pm – 1912 Center, Moscow

And on Zoom

Participants: Bill Engels, Lynn Weaver, Mary DuPree, Linda Jovanovich, Simon Smith, Judy Meuth, Steve Flint, Mark Havens, Benjamin Lucas, Patrick Robichaud, Diana Armstrong, Joe Vaughan, Amelie Schmolke, Lily (on zoom)

Announcements – Judy announced a letter to sign by scientists that request Congress to act on climate change

CCL—Palouse Reports and Actions

- Lobbying –Idaho – Patrick reported about the CCL lobby meeting with Kristine from Sen. Crapo's office. She was engaging and interested in what CCL had to say, but the Senator is not ready to move on carbon pricing. CCL thanked for the Senator's work on the Energy Sector Innovation Credit (ESIC) Act, the date of introduction to the Senate is still open. Other discussion points included the EU border adjustments.
- Mary introduced a document compiled by the League of Women Voters which provides an overview and comparison of different climate bills. This document could be particularly useful for tabling (she will send it out via email).
- Moscow and Pullman Chamber of Commerce/Ag meeting and plans – Mary and Judy recently met with both Chamber leaders, respectively. With the Pullman Chamber, the planning process is in progress to organize a half-day event in the fall: inform the community about climate impacts on agriculture in our region and the resulting impacts on communities through jobs and food supply.
- Pullman city climate actions update – Judy reported presenting to the Pullman City Council together with Kynan on June 22, including the ask from CCL to set up a climate committee. The presentation was well received by the council members who put it on their list of discussion points in a city goal setting retreat the following weekend (CCL has not heard back about any outcomes from the retreat so far). Judy and Kynan will have a meeting with the city administrator this week.
- Moscow city climate actions update – Mary reported that CCL is working with the Sierra Club to collaborate on informing Moscow's climate action plan. In addition, a subcommittee (Mary is part of it) is working on reinstating public transport between Pullman and Moscow. There is interest, for instance from the airport, Pullman transit, etc. Funding will be necessary.
- Publications – Judy had no publications to report since the last meeting.
- Grassroots – Tabling at Farmers' Market, other opportunities this summer?—Simon has been tabling at the Moscow Farmers' Market, and shared tips from his experience how to start a conversation:
 - Make eye contact first to see whether folks are open to talk
 - Use a conversation starter such as "What are your concerns about climate change?"
 - A message including hope, such as the EICDA, is best

Talking to people who are denying climate change (and beyond): Mark shared his experience from COVID vaccine related work. It is important to know your own goal in the conversation and not let the other person steer the conversation in a different direction. Find a measure of agreement (even if it is only "I have a family member who thinks this too"). Use "and" instead of "but".

Talking to people who are concerned about climate change but do not think they can do anything about it: invite them into the group and provide them with tools how they can help make a change. Emphasize CCL's lobbying and the agency that comes with it.

Several suggestions for additional locations/events for outreach were discussed:

- Co-op: allows tabling outside
- County fairs: previous experiences tabling at either (Whitman and Latah) County fair was mixed. It involves a complicated process to be able to table but did not result in a lot of conversations.
- Lewiston's Art under the Elms festival could be a very good venue
- Simon contacted the Pullman Farmer's Market where tabling every other week (on Wednesdays) is possible (and he plans to be there)
- Presentation to LC Valley Methodists – Diana and Trish gave a presentation to the congregation during service. The presentation was about 20 min long and was in place of the sermon. The pastor was very supportive but the interaction with the congregation was limited.
Bill would like to give the presentation to the interfaith group he is part of.
- Braver Angels event – Linda and Kathy would like to organize a workshop on the Palouse. Their idea is to use the ideas from the Braver Angels' web site "Common Ground": split up participants in groups and let them work on the same topics/ list of actions, then find the common ground together. The topics could come from the planned Pullman Chamber ag-related meeting (see above).
- Outreach: who should we present to this fall? Who would like to present? Judy emphasized that CCL needs more volunteers for presentations. Volunteers can train with experienced presenters from the group and can use the considerable resources provided by CCL. Joe signaled interest. Diana volunteered Trish (not present).
Simon thinks presenting to youth is particularly important, including high schools. FFA (Future Farmers of America) is a group with events in Pullman before the start of the school year and would be a good to present to.
Joe mentioned the film festival at Kenworthy organized yearly by the fly fishing group he is part of – venue for presentation? Discussion of CCL organizing its own film festival or film evenings.
Mark suggested to present to girl and boy scout groups.
- August is party time. Mary presented the idea to organize a party where CCL members can bring friends who might be interested in joining. Mark suggested to invite local politicians and other folks in leadership positions. Ideas for party location (outside, e.g. park shelter in Pullman) and details (program? When?) are welcome. The party will be instead of a regular August CCL meeting.

Double our Impacts!

- Double our Monthly Calling Campaign members and calls. Sign up for Monthly Calling Campaign: www.cclusa.org/mcc
- Submit LTE's or an op-ed now on "Why Carbon Pricing?" or other topics. See topic ideas at [LTE topic ideas document](#) and cclusa.org/lte-topics. See how-to's for letter writing at cclusa.org/lte

Continuing Individual Actions

- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 2307 -
Send a postcard to President Biden to let him know of broad support for carbon pricing and the EICDA (President Biden, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500)
- Send information for Facebook posts to Margaret Davis (maddvm101@gmail.com)

Next meeting Thursday, Sept. 16 from 5:30 to 7, location TBD