

**Minutes from February 17, 2022, 5:30 pm on Zoom  
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**

**Participants:** Paul Spencer, Pete Haug, Mary DuPree, Bill Engels, Judy Meuth, Azdren Coma, Mac Cantrell, Kynan Witters-Hicks, Casey Johnson, Marilyn Von Seggern, Mark Havens, Clare Peine, Trish Hartzell, Martina Ederer, Margaret Davis, Amelie Schmolke

**Announcements**

- **Tell the president: Climate action is top priority** <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/white-house/> Write emails to urge President Biden and Democratic Senators to include strong climate provisions in whatever reconciliation package continues to be debated. Here is the link: [cclusa.org/take-action](https://cclusa.org/take-action) .
- WSU divestment action: Bill reported that the WSU Foundation that handles WSU's investments is moving on divesting from fossil fuel. The Foundation has now started implementing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing, reached out to UW (which has already committed to divesting. The WSU Foundation, Board of Regents, and President Schulz have begun this process in response to WSU faculty (Yay, Bill!) and the student Environmental Sustainability Alliance requesting them to do so.
- CCL Conservative Conference March 29-30: anyone you know who might be interested?
- CCL International Conference June 11-13 (in DC/hybrid); lobby days will remain virtual.
- Pullman 2040: annual meeting March 3, 6-8pm, at the Marriott; Simon will be tabling for CCL. Everyone can join the meeting; register at <https://form.jotform.com/220376762822155>

**Chapter priorities for 2022**

**1. Make our group stronger by being an oasis in the storm**

- Socializing

**Mac has volunteered to host a backyard event for our CCL group: March 5 (Sat), 4pm, he will have a fire and drinks but everyone can bring their own; bring someone along!**

Mac's address: 622 East B St. in Moscow. Come in the side yard along the driveway. Mac's cell: 509-330-1644.

PCEI gathering – Judy: PCEI welcomes CCL and the public at their Nature Center. We plan to have a short program (presentation), get folks to sign up for calling campaign etc., have some snacks/soft drinks, take a walk, have childcare available. Mac: invite food vendors? It's important to get media coverage on the event. Mary asked everyone at this meeting to invite one friend (who is not already involved in CCL) to this event. Possible date - March 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> (a week after WSU and UI spring break), starting at 3pm. Margaret and Judy are contact persons – who wants to join the effort in organizing this event?

- Recruit and welcome new members.

Casey: Earth day events already in the planning from other organizations. UI is planning a whole Earth month with multiple events; CCL could table on Wednesday, 20 April; Casey will not be able to table herself (who would like to volunteer?); prepare postcards that folks can fill out and send to MOCs, president. PCEI is planning an event and will get back to Casey about

possibilities for CCL to get involved. WSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance will have a speaker event; their plans are not finalized. Bill will ask the chair (Stevie Fawcett) about the possibility for CCL to table at the event. Mary: Moscow is planning a cleanup for Earth Day; Kelli Cooper is coordinating this. The CAWG and City are interested in coordinating with CCL if possible.

Casey asks for help with tabling and help getting postcards prepared; Mac: reach out to Moscow high school environmental club to see whether they want to help? Amelie will find out if Pullman high school students are planning something.

#### Videos – Clare

Three videos planned, each 1-2 min:

- 1) What is CCL and what are we doing?  
Three of four CCL members speaking about why they joined CCL and what impacts climate change has on them  
Who would like to speak? Does someone have a good location for filming?
- 2) Personal story of someone on the Palouse (ideally CCL member), affected directly by climate change, e.g., a farmer or health care worker  
Bill: suggests to reach out to Ian Clark  
Someone who has seen the impacts of high temperatures/smoke on children's health?  
Mac will talk to his wife Janice Boughton and see if she can recommend someone
- 3) Local solutions: showcase CCL members working on solutions, different actions: tabling, calling a member of congress, etc.; this one needs an actual script and a few CCL members acting the roles  
Clare would like to get help in scripting etc. this video  
Kayla Bordelon would be good to get on camera

Distributing the videos:

CCL Palouse website, social media, Mac recommends to include link to the videos in emails  
Clare will organize a group to work on videos.

#### Tabling

Judy: Simon has been the lead person on tabling – please join him!

#### Onboarding

Judy: how to get folks who have signed up and/or come to a meeting to become involved and active.

## 2. Educate and activate our communities

- Identify presentation venues – community organizations, classes, businesses, faith groups, etc.

Judy: Simon and Mac volunteered to work with folks who want to learn how to present; Make presentations more a conversation than an “expert” speaking.

Goal to present to organizations, group (e.g., during their regular meetings)

## 3. Get voters to ask candidates and elected officials for climate action

- Ask candidates for their climate plans at town halls, forums. Keep your eye out for forums and join, ask questions about climate change, collect the candidate's opinions;

ID: filing deadline is March 11, primary May 17

WA: filing deadline in May, primary August 2

Amelie to work with Margaret on compiling candidate's positions on climate change (including local, county-level candidates), Mark will join the effort as well.

LWV will organize public forums that could provide platforms for questions. In ID, districts have changed, candidates may be particularly interested in reaching out to the voters added to their districts.

#### 4. **Write letters to the editor and op-eds – CCL national requested all chapters to add this**

- See newly-revised “Tips for Writing a Successful LTE” from Pete Haug at <https://cclpalouse.org/resources/>. Also check LTE topics [cclusa.org/lte-topics](https://cclusa.org/lte-topics), easy online action tool ([cclusa.org/lte](https://cclusa.org/lte)) to submit letters
- Write an op-ed <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/431>
- Celebrate, [share your LTE or op-ed on social media](#), tag your MOCs, and log it in the [Action Tracker](#).

Judy: Ideas from CCL website for possible letter topics [cclusa.org/lte-topics](https://cclusa.org/lte-topics)

Letters in the last month: Trish, and then Pete referred to that LTE in his subsequent opinion

Bill: should we have sign-up for LTE writing again? (Judy will prepare a sign-up.)

#### **Updates on other Palouse CCL actions**

- Pullman Climate Change Survey – Kynan, Azdren, Marilyn

Azdren: Pullman survey, support for climate action is fairly similar across age groups; group will meet about the survey results in the coming week; people call for climate action in Pullman in the survey; will be very interesting results to take to the City of Pullman

City administrator has requested Judy and Kynan to join a climate group that will advise city about formation of a city climate commission.

- Pullman 2040: Simon is regularly joining their meetings, has several meetings with involved folks lined up; PDS has reached out to him, asked about electrical trucks (they are interested in buying)

- Moscow CAWG report – Mary

City Of Moscow has issued a draft climate action plan (posted on CCL web site under Resources), currently very conceptual, will be discussed by the city council next week; there will also be a public hearing (March 9), Moscow has joined “Cities Race to Zero”; 2035 goal to reach zero emissions for city operations (does not include the whole community); Moscow folks: please review the plan and provide feedback to the city

- Grasstops – Endorsements, etc. – Mac. Met with NRS. Will get back with them soon.
- Media—Pete (print), Margaret (social media), Joe Pallen (website)
- Lobbying – Mac, Judy. No March lobby meetings (other than the conservative conference-related lobbying). Mac: will have a lobby meeting with Rep. Fulcher this month

#### **Continuing Individual Actions**

- Log actions on CCL’s Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send information for Facebook posts to Margaret Davis ([maddvm101@gmail.com](mailto:maddvm101@gmail.com))
- Check out CCL Resilience Hub – Build resilience to stay the course through the highs and lows of climate work <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/resilience-hub>

**Next meeting Thursday, March 17, 5:30 to 7pm, probably by Zoom**