

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

**Participants:** Pete Haug, Mary DuPree, Bill Engels, Judy Meuth, Mac Cantrell, Kynan Witters-Hicks, Casey Johnson, Mark Havens, Clare Peine, Trish Hartzell, Mason Burns, Kathy Dawes, Simon Smith, Lauren Fins, Margaret Davis

**Announcements**

- International CCL Conference June 11-13 in D.C. [cclusa.org/juneconference](https://cclusa.org/juneconference). Mac and Kathy have been to past conferences. Conference has speakers, trainings, great information. Keynotes will be streamed. No official lobbying, but there may be some ad hoc meetings. Registration \$129 up to April 30
- Sign up to become a monthly Evergreen Donor to CCL [https://citizensclimatelobby.org/donate/?c\\_src=2022MARCH&c\\_src2=ACTIONSSHEET](https://citizensclimatelobby.org/donate/?c_src=2022MARCH&c_src2=ACTIONSSHEET)
- New US climate opinion maps <https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/>
- Peter Kalmus - author of *Be the Change*, speaking at UI Confluence Lab on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Mason Burns – CCL member climate activist presented “climate recovery plan”. International coordination, just transition. Asking for Palouse CCL to endorse project. Plan would accompany the Paris agreement to mitigate climate change. Plan has a carbon tax section. CCL endorsement would involve placing the CCL logo on the endorsement page. Detailed in the follow up email.
- EN-ROADS - Kathy Dawes. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> two workshops on how to use En-ROADS to predict and understand the effect of Russia’s war in Ukraine. More in post meeting email.
- Interfaith Power and Light proposal – Contact Pete to connect communities of faith to climate action organizations and events. [peterlaoshi@gmail.com](mailto:peterlaoshi@gmail.com)

**Priority local actions: please refer to the minutes of our February meeting for the detailed list of actions we have agreed upon for 2022.**

*Families for Climate Action* at Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) on

Sunday March 27, 3-5. Margaret, Judy, Nancy. Goal is to get families to take advantage of the resources available from CCL. Activities planned for adults and children. Possibly partnering with Palouse Roots. Simon will be tabling. There will be free food and a short presentation. Film crew from WSU will be coming. Contact Margaret to bring snacks/drinks

Celebrate Earth Day (April 22): feature local events on our website - UI, WSU, PCEI, Moscow City,

Postcards at UI April 20 and at Friendship Square April 22

Mary will consolidate a list of ED activities on Palouse. Mark will help with LC Valley Radio/TV interviews – about Earth Day. Mary will contact Lewiston TV and local radio stations to talk about Earth Day Events

Video shorts – Clare reports that a class at WSU working to create photo and video content for local organizations. Students who are trained in video and photo will help Clare create the photos.

Action items: Need volunteers who would like to be on camera for the testimonial video. Email if interested: [clareapeine@gmail.com](mailto:clareapeine@gmail.com)

Letters/Opinion pieces: Mary reports that National CCL is encouraging “fresh topics” to get the attention of MOCs for example, Russia/Ukraine war, inflation, new EV data. Search these topics on “Community”--many good resources here as well as at LTE topics

<https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/456>

**Updates on other Palouse CCL actions**

- Pullman Climate Change Survey – Kynan, Azdren, Marilyn. Kynan reports that the group has met and the results are being compiled to be presented to the city of Pullman. Judy reports that she is drafting a summary.
- Moscow CAP – Mary. Input by March 26 <https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/1002/Climate-Action-Plan>

- Comment on the content and the language to present this to the public in the most CCLish way. This document will guide the city's climate actions for the next 30 years.
- Grasstops – Endorsements, etc. – Mac, Mary: No news
- Media—Pete (print), Margaret (social media), Joe Pallen (website). Mary asked for a volunteer to look over the website to check for user friendliness. Casey volunteers.
- Member of Congress liaisons: Mac, Judy. Mac encourages monthly calling campaign to drive home support for the reconciliation bill's climate action. Judy reports that there can be ad hoc lobbying meetings. Judy said CCL liaison team for Patty Murray is looking for a new E WA member, especially with Ag-background.
- Lauren reports that ID state legislators will be presenting a legislative review for the League of Women Voters on April 27 at 6:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for questions

### **Continuing Individual Actions**

- Watch the monthly national meeting and call: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month. Link on Community.
- 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))
- Sign up with Judy to write a LTE this year – Judy reports that the “steady drumbeat” can be very effective. Regular LTEs can make a big difference.

**Next meeting Thursday, April 21, 5:30 to 7pm, possibly hybrid in Pullman and by Zoom**

### **COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE 1: Practice inviting someone to an event**

Many people feel disconnected and fatigued by COVID-19 and the lack of good news from Washington D.C. Your CCL chapter is an oasis in the storm, offering connection in a value rich environment and action as an antidote to fatigue. This month let's practice inviting a friend to experience the connections and mutual support in our chapter gatherings especially our March 27 event at PCEI.

#### **Suggestions for how to practice**

We know that people learn best by saying the words out loud themselves. Practice this communication with a partner. You'll have six minutes with a partner in a breakout room to do the following.

1. Write down the names of two people you know who you believe are feeling disconnected or fatigued and would benefit from joining you at a chapter gathering.
2. Write down what makes your chapter an oasis in the storm for you and then say it out loud as part of a verbal invitation for the two fatigued people you know to attend a chapter gathering.
3. Discuss your invitation with your partner.

### **COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE 2: Practice what you'd say to an MOC/candidate at an event**

You're at a town hall or a candidate forum (or a farmers market) and you have an opportunity to ask a question of an incumbent or candidate. What would you say? It's campaign season which means candidates are out and about so let's practice to be ready to offer an appreciation and ask an open question.

#### **Suggestions for how to practice**

We know that people learn best by saying the words out loud themselves so for this exercise:

- Ask someone to read the sample questions below out loud (put them in the chat if you're on Zoom)
- Read these instructions to meeting attendees

Instructions: With a partner, take turns reading a sample question or saying your own question out loud. Afterward, discuss with your partner the question you plan to use. You'll have six minutes.

- Have two people model the exercise, and then have everyone practice.

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### **Sample questions for candidate forums and town halls - practice the ones that apply to your region**

Where the audience is **politically mixed**, we shouldn't assume everyone will be on board with climate action.

*"[include your specific appreciation] Until recently, I didn't think much about climate change, but I've started to notice changes over the years. [Insert one sentence with a local impact, like "The ice fishing season is shorter, and I almost never get my cross-country skis on."] So I think we should take the threat of climate change seriously. How can we best manage the risks to our health and economy from a changing climate?"*

Where the audience is **liberal**: it can be assumed that most attendees view climate policy as a top priority.

*"[include your specific appreciation] Climate change is the issue I am most concerned about, and it looks more urgent to me every day. I was pleased to see President Biden set a goal of 50% reductions of emissions below 2005 levels by 2030 and believe we must enact meaningful climate solutions to reach it. What climate policies will you prioritize in Congress to enable our country to reach the President's goal of 50% emissions reduction by 2030?"*

Where the audience is **conservative**: it can be assumed that some attendees are skeptical of climate change and climate policies

*"[your appreciation] The wildfire season has already started again out West. Last year, my friends in Idaho were telling me about all the smoke and ash falling in their neighborhoods. I worry about their health and their homes, and I also wonder how much fighting these fires is costing us taxpayers. I think we need to take prudent action about climate change. What kinds of solutions would be consistent with conservative values?"*