

**Minutes May 19, 2022, 5:30 pm
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**

1912 Center Fiske Room, 412 East 3rd Moscow, or Zoom info at bottom

Participants: Bruno Alvino, Mary DuPree, Judy Meuth, Trish Hartzell, Simon Smith, Mac Cantrell, Casey Johnson, Steve Flint, Margaret Davis, Kynan Witters Hicks, Bill Engels, Pete Haug, Paul Spencer, Seth Bloomsburg, Ian Schlater, Nicole Xiao, Clare Peine, Maggie Smith

Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes

Announcements

International CCL Conference June 11-13 in D.C. cclusa.org/juneconference. Livestream of National Call 10-10:45 Pacific Time Sat. June 11. Judy reports that that it is a great opportunity with lots of trainings and networking. There are funds available to help people who want to attend. Mary highly recommends the streamed national call. Several other sessions, including keynotes, will be streamed for remote participation.

CCL--P strategy for Upcoming political campaign season:

Attending town halls and candidate forums and asking effective questions during election season pulls many levers of political will. CCL leaders, liaisons, group leaders, chapter members and prospective volunteers can help:

- Demonstrate broad bipartisan district support for prioritizing climate action.
- Get a headstart building a relationship with all candidates (one will be elected).
- Hearing that fellow community members have climate concerns gives neighbors “permission” to be concerned and speak up.
- Encourage more volunteers to join your chapter.

Model democracy as it should be--respectful, appreciative and participatory.

Guidelines: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/264>

Action: website; coordinators for ID 01 and WA05

Mary is looking for a volunteer to keep a list of town halls and forums for the political campaign season for the WA05 political season. Kathy D. will do this for Idaho. d Also looking for coordinators to pull people together for the meetings. Casey volunteers for one spot for Idaho.

Group brainstorming: formulate a question to pose at a forum or town hall. Critiques.

CCL's suggestion is to consider audience and context to generate a question. This should be an opportunity to prompt the candidates but also to educate people in the audience.

Building questions: 1) appreciate something about the candidate (find out what they've done on their website or sign up for their newsletters; 2) Tell a personal story; 3) solicit a response or action step. Avoid questions with a “no, I'm not doing that” kind of answer. Put the experience on social media. CCL suggests that the candidates' names and twitter handles are in the post.

Audiences locally are probably mixed or conservative. Tailor questions accordingly. See sample questions below.

Summer outreach: presentations to organizations

- Judy asks that Simon, Judy, or Mary be alerted to any event where we could table.
- Presentations team
- Potential audiences (organizations)
 - Sacred heart presentation: Simon, Mac, Trish, Kynan. All area churches have been invited. Other faith groups or organizations would be great options. Possibility for Congregational

Church in Pullman. Possibility for Humanists of the Palouse. Possibility with the scout groups. Other groups includes Interfaith Power and Light, and Navigators through the Unitarian Church. The Climate Justice League could use a presentation.

- Presentations team
- Gathering in Mac's backyard. June 25th or 26th.

Outreach to churches on the Palouse

Interfaith Power and Light campaign – Mary reports that they are issuing a letter on climate change and climate action. They are forming in Idaho and are looking for signatories to the letter. Let Mary know if there's an Idaho church that may be interested in signing.

Updates on other Palouse CCL actions

- **Video Shorts** - Clare
- **Tabling** – Simon: been rained out twice but high hopes for Saturday.
- **Lentil Fest** – Judy: back on for this year – august 19-20th. Possible participation at the parade?
- **Pullman Climate Change Survey** – Kynan, Azdren, Simon, Marilyn. Kynan reports that the results have come together in a report. The results should be able to be published soon. Then it can be presented to the council hopefully sometime in July.
- **Moscow CAP** – Mary: contact City Council members by July 18. Staff explained the CAP as economic benefit to city and tax payers. City published all of the comments. There was an organized voice from climate change deniers. Useful for Muscovites to email city council members in support of the CAP **before July 18**.
- **Bob Inglis** RepublicEN summer tour to meet with conservative groups – Mac reports that Inglis will speak to the rotary club in Yakima, do a farm tour on the Palouse in either June or July. Possibility for him to speak at some seed coops. Looking for other venues where he could speak to conservatives.
- **Grasstops – Endorsements**, etc. – Mac, Mary
- **Media**—Pete (print), Maggie (social media), Joe Pallen (website)
 - Publications – Judy
 - Website use <https://cclpalouse.org/> - Mary
- **Member of Congress liaisons**: Mac, Judy

Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national meeting and call: 2nd Sat. of each month. Link on Community.
- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send information for social media posts to Maggie Smith (margaret.d.smith@wsu.edu)
- Sign up to write an LTE this year

Next meeting Thursday, June 16, 5:30 to 7pm, probably hybrid in Pullman and by Zoom

Zoom information for May meeting:

Topic: PCCL Monthly Meeting

Time: May 19, 2022 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091991999?pwd=mKRNNM9ykvst_sho7oHHBj7KWu2FaG.1

Meeting ID: 870 9199 1999

Passcode: 227748

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091991999>

Sample Candidate Forum Questions

Brainstorming:

- For both of the summers since my son was born, there have been record wildfire seasons, and their effects are felt here in Moscow. Every time he gets a cough, I worry that the smoky summers are affecting his health. I'm proud that the Moscow Climate action group has joined the race to zero emissions. What further steps would you take to replicate this on the (state/national) level?
- I have friends who are farmers on the Palouse who are really worried about extreme weather. Droughts reduce yields by 50%, and when there's too much rain they can't plant. What kind of solutions could help these farmers?
- With grandparents who farm, farming is very important to me. With severe heat and drought, I worry about my grand parents' ability to create a livelihood from farming. What will you do to combat the economic effects of climate change?
- I enjoy skiing every season but over the past few years rain in the winter has made the conditions consistently icy and slushy. There are a number of industries in our area that depend on snow. What are you going to do to protect our winter outdoor recreation and help save our snowpack?
- I spent a lot of time out at Phillips farm, a local park outside of Moscow building bee boxes for the bee pop. The habitat lost due to wildfires due to climate change has affected bees. Given that Idaho is deeply economically dependent on agriculture, what will you do to mitigate these effects?
- Climate change has come to the Palouse. This spring has been the coldest I've experienced in my seven years on the Palouse. Last summer we experienced drought and record-breaking heat. What will you do to help address such weather extremes in our region? Will you seek bipartisan support among your colleagues for climate pricing?
- I am in favor of your steadfast opposition to breaching the dams on the Snake, but when I was in graduate school in the 60s the carbon was ... but now it is higher at What measures would you propose to help this situation?
- Last year's intense heat wave was almost certainly due to climate change. Some of our local efforts include Moscow's 100% clean energy plan. What kind of efforts can you add to those efforts?
- Family vacations in Idaho have had to be cancelled due to wildfires and heat domes. What national level actions can be taken to mitigate climate change?
- The Palouse has many resources that could make it a leader in climate mitigation. How can we make the most of this opportunity?
- I've been a gardener on the Palouse for about 30. For the first 15 years, I had a frost every month of the year. The last 15 years, we don't have frosts in the summer. This means more bugs and pests. I can't raise vegetables as well, so I know that farmers must be struggling too. What plans do you have to use a market-based solution to address these issues?