

MINUTES Sept 15, 2022, 5:30-7:00 pm
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
1912 Center Fiske Room, 412 E.3rd St., Moscow, and Zoom

Judy Meuth, Marilyn Von Seggern, Linda Canary, Paul Spencer, Trish Hartzell, Azdren Coma, Maggie Smith, Casey Johnson, Bill Engels, Mary DuPree, Amelie Schmolke, Mason Burns, Lauren Fins, Ben Silvernale, Simon Smith, Mac Cantrell, Anca Atwood, Reid Atwood, Ian Schlater, Andrea Falk, Steve Flint

Announcements

- CCL--P social gatherings: **Every 2nd Thursday** of the month, 5:00-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- Pullman Climate Survey report to Council: **Sept. 27**, 7pm, Pullman City Hall
 - The survey done in Pullman last fall has been analyzed. The report will be presented to Pullman City Council on Sept 27 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. This week a City group finished planning for a structure within city government called the Pullman Environmental Resilience Commission. The council will vote on its establishment in Oct.
- Climate walkout—**Sept. 28**, 11:30 -1, Moscow High School to East City Park. Ian noted that the Climate Justice League from MHS is hosting the climate walkout. There will be speakers about the Moscow Climate Action Plan, sustainability tips, etc. CCL has the opportunity to give a pitch for voting on climate. Any volunteers? Let Mary know. Also CCL will be tabling.
- Upcoming Candidate Forums
 - Forums will be listed on the opening page of our website (<https://cclpalouse.org/>). The first is in Moscow on Sept 30th. Asking questions about climate action plans may or may not make candidates develop a plan, but the rest of audience will hear and know this issue is of concern.
 - Maggie will put candidate forum info on our Facebook page.

1. CCL--P strategy for upcoming political campaign season

CCL National has designated Oct 22nd as a second EarthDay.

- **Volunteer to attend a specific town hall or forum and ask, “What’s your climate plan?”** or another climate question. In ID Mary will maintain calendar of campaign events on our website and Casey will coordinate attendance and strategies for Idaho; in WA Paul will maintain calendar; we need a volunteer to coordinate attendance for WA forums.
- **Help get more people to vote**
 - CCL has allied with the Environmental Voter Project for identifying people who haven’t voted in the past but are concerned about the environment.
 - Increase [Voter Participation](#) by phone banking with the [Environmental Voter Project](#).
 - Ensure everyone you know is registered to vote and send unregistered folks to vote.org
- **Use CCL’s [Midterm Media Kit](#)** when you approach the media via LTEs, op-eds and news coverage.
- **Brainstorming:** impactful actions CCL-P can take:
 - What other things can we do?
 - Enlist allied groups to encourage climate voting
 - Audubon
 - Native Plant Society
 - League of Women Voters

- Bill's interfaith group will be doing an environmental sustainability program this fall. He will attend meeting of social justice ministry and can bring up getting out the climate vote.
- Last election we invited anybody running for congressional office to speak to us. Simon has approached Natasha Hill about this.
- Anyone who is a student can speak at school clubs about registering to vote and voting.
 - Ben is president of student activities club and would like to use those graphics to make people aware of voting. Mary will send.
- If tabling, be prepared for to provide information on economic impacts of the IRA because Pullman High School students have been offered extra credit to find out more on this topic.
- Get "Vote like the Earth Depends on it" signs in storefront windows.
- Idaho Homecoming Parade—Oct. 1
 - Mary will register us to march in this parade with signs focusing on voting. Mason volunteered to design signs. Margaret will coordinate the parade effort and Linda and Andrea volunteered to help. Casey will create list of candidate events to hand out at parade
- Sign/banner waving just prior to election - Simon will help with signs and banners

2. Engaging our new members

- **Continue discussion: party? Election season actions?**
 - Contact everybody who signed up recently and ask to come to the parade and the signmaking party on Sunday 9/25 and have pizza.

3. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Mary suggests we all brief ourselves on the IRA so we can answer questions about it. CCL IRA resource at: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/inflation-reduction-act> Note bulleted list on the right includes "Benefits for your state".

- CCL-P presentations on IRA to local groups?
- Slideshow <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/508>
- State impacts and much more

4. Citizens' Climate Lobby's new initiatives, in addition to **carbon fee and dividend**, will broaden supporter base and have the most potential for reducing greenhouse gases per the recent IPCC report. Congress will not pass carbon fee & dividend this session. CCL will endorse legislation in these areas:

- **Building the green economy** to promote national security, address health impacts, stabilize prices: electrify buildings, increase energy efficiency and promote equity, strengthen power grid, update power transmission
- **Pursuing nature-based solutions: Focus on forests:** forests as carbon sinks, urban forests as heat refuges, support for all species, opportunity for collaboration with local communities

5. Communication Exercise

6. Updates on more Palouse CCL actions

- **Outreach**
 - Lentil Fest, Farmers' Markets—Simon
 - Twice as many Lentil Parade marchers as in 2019, response from crowds positive. Some farmers thrilled that there were lentils on our signs.
 - Pubbin' at the Patio at PCEI—Casey
 - PCEI has a patio where they host Friday night concerts during the summer. At the last one, we were cosponsors with the Sierra Club. Casey, Al and Simon tabled and Casey spoke. It was fun and well-attended and we got new signups.
- **Social Media** – Margaret, Maggie.
 - Send info and PHOTOS for social media posts to Maggie (margaret.d.smith@wsu.edu)
- **Pullman City Council:** Judy
 - We have the Pullman Climate Change Survey report ready, will hand out in hard copy and will be on web site. We will present report to the city council Sept 27th. Oct 18th the council will hear proposal to start the Pullman Environmental Resilience Commission.
- **Moscow CAP** – Mac
 - The Climate Action Plan has been approved. The city now wants to hear from residents: What are best places for city to reduce carbon footprints? One thing they are considering is the city putting solar panels on a Moscow School District building and other facilities.
 - Anybody who lives in Moscow interested in hands on action: climate action working group needs more volunteers. Apply to sustainability commission.
<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/551/Sustainable-Environment-Commission> (or just go to SEC meeting).
- **Media**—Publications – Judy. Contacts: Pete (print), Maggie (social media), Joe Pallen (website) If you want to write a letter to the editor let Judy know.
- **Member of Congress liaisons:** Mac, Judy. Mac: Conservatives' "Six Pillars of Climate Action" could be used to approach next lobby series for our conservative congresspeople.
- **Paul will be gone in November; volunteers needed to help w audio/video.** Next month Amelie will also be gone!

7. Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker: Live 2nd Sat. of each month or videos and podcasts of current and past speakers are at
<https://community.citizensclimate.org/bulletin/2101/333>
- 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

Next meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus, Pullman