

**Minutes Oct 20, 2022, 5:30-7:00 pm**  
**Citizens' Climate Lobby - Palouse**

Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Avenue, Pullman or via Zoom (join info at bottom).

Attending: Judy Meuth, Marilyn Von Seggern, Paul Spencer, Clare Peine, Maggie Smith, Bill Engels, Mary DuPree, Amelie Schmolke, Simon Smith, Mac Cantrell, Bruno Alvino, Kynan Witters Hicks, Dominic Heidenreich, Margaret Davis, Bill Voxman, Daniel Howell

**Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes**

**Announcements**

- CCL--P social gatherings: **Every 2nd Thursday** of the month, 5:00-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- Fossil Free WSU divestment rally and march - Thursday, October 27th, at 12-2 pm. The WSU student Environmental Sustainability Alliance is organizing a march which starts at the CUB and goes to President Schulz's office downtown. The goal is for WSU to divest its fossil fuel holdings.
- CCL virtual Fall Conference, Dec. 3-4, <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-change-conferences/fall/> Conference is free; you can select seminar sessions.
- Kigali Amendment passed by USA! – The Kigali Amendment to the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was recently passed by the senate in a bipartisan vote of 69 in favor 27 against. The Kigali amendment reduces the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) internationally.
- CCL international <https://citizensclimate.earth/> is collaborating with the next COP (congress of parties) in Cairo in November and helping to train delegates from small countries. Note that CCL has chapters in > 50 countries.

**Get the Vote Out like there's no Planet B!**

- **Attend candidate forums** and ask, "What's your plan for addressing climate change?" Forums listed at <http://cclpalouse.org>
- **Phone bank** with the [Environmental Voter Project](#). Ensure everyone you know is registered to vote and send unregistered folks to [vote.org](http://vote.org) - Phone banking 2<sup>nd</sup> most effective to doorknocking. Idaho deadline for applying for absentee ballot has passed. Coming up: Early voting will start Oct 24 and you can vote through Nov 4. Can register to vote on election day at the polls. Need a form of picture ID.
- **Wave signs** on street corners, gathering spots (invite friends to join in – it's fun!) – "Vote Climate", "Vote like the Earth Depends on It", "Vote like there's no Planet B" – CCL has posters for sign waving and putting in storefronts. Mary will be point of information if anybody in Idaho would like to do it. Should signs include a QR code to take people to voting info? Posters can be made into yard signs by using old sign frames. Contact Simon to access the signs: [simonofworldthree@gmail.com](mailto:simonofworldthree@gmail.com).
- **Contact local orgs** to urge all members to vote for the climate and to spread the word -
  - Student organizations - Judy will get out word about spreading info to students.
    - Dominic – PHS Environment Club
    - Ian – CJL and MHS
    - Stevie – WSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance
    - Bruno at LCSC, UI?
  - Bill's wife works at Spokane Community College and might be able to get the word out
  - Bill at Sacred Heart is sending out info re voting and quote from pope about getting political!

- **Write letters to the editor** urging people to vote for the climate. CCL's [Midterm Media Kit](#) has ideas. Let Judy know if you want assistance with it.

### **Getting ready to lobby**

- Join the CCL Fall Conference
- Attend the lobby briefing: [Primary and Supporting Asks training on November 10. Will also provide legislative updates following election.](#)
- En-ROADS climate policy simulator demonstration <https://www.climateinteractive.org/en-roads/>  
How can we use En-ROADS in our communities, presentations, and lobbying? We saw a video demo of En-ROADS. (Simon: Sometimes, models on models is a muddle!)

### **Updates on other Palouse CCL Initiatives**

- **Outreach**
  - Climate Justice League Walkout last month – Ian via email: Over 150 students walked out and attended rally. CJL learned a lot about how to organize, hope to improve. Last few months have been in conference with Moscow School District about installing solar panels. The city will likely allocate \$20 thousand for that. CJL members attended the PBAC meeting and may move into water conservation issues. Youth need to be part of all these decisions. Working on getting solar array for the school district and grants for 2 electric school buses.
  - UI Homecoming Parade – Casey via email: About 15 CCLers and friends marched. Most impressive was the attention we got from the crowd; they really responded. Important to have visibility.
  - WSU Center for Civic Engagement - Simon presented at CCE event to encourage students to get involved in the community. 60-80 students present. Climate is a concern, yet few students thought there was something you could do about it.
  - Tabling – Simon. Will be tabling Saturday at Moscow Farmers' Mkt, weather permitting.
  - Moscow Chamber of Commerce sponsors Halloween event, have invited us to participate. We need a volunteer to sit at table and hand out candy and CCL info. Let Mary know if you can participate.
  - K-12 and university presentations – Mary. There have been many requests to present – Simon presented at Pullman High and Lena Whitmore. Moscow Middle School requested one on issues facing the Palouse due to climate change. Other requests were from a WSU public administration class and a PCEI nature course. Let Judy/Mary know if you are interested in presenting. We can organize training. Nancy Nelson, Kynan, Clare, and Simon expressed interest in joining the presentations team.
- **Pullman City Council**
  - Pullman Climate Change Survey presentation to City Council – Kynan: The survey report is online on at the Palouse CCL web site where one can see raw results and summary. Main findings were presented to the city a couple of weeks ago. The respondents were concerned about climate change and wanted the city to act. The Council was interested. It also got picked up by radio and daily news.
  - Pullman Environmental Resilience Commission – Marilyn: On Tuesday night the Pullman City Council voted to accept ordinance that creates an Environmental Resilience Commission. One of the goals for the commission is to develop a Climate Action Plan.
- **Moscow CAP** – Mary. Moscow city council unanimously accepted the Climate Action Plan even in the face of vocal opposition. They handled objections well. The CAP deals with city operations only but is meant to model what could happen outside city functions.
- **Palouse Basin Aquifer Summit** – Mac. Water usage has been dropping, but aquifer levels continue to drop so long range (50 year) solutions were discussed. Moscow could get surplus water from Paradise Creek and Pullman from the Palouse River. The PBAC involves people from across the political spectrum.

- **Member of Congress liaisons:** Mac, Judy
- **Media—Publications –** Judy. Contacts: Pete (print), Maggie (social media), Joe Pallen (website)
- **Social Media –** Margaret, Maggie.
  - Send info and PHOTOS for social media posts to Maggie (margaret.d.smith@wsu.edu)

### **Building our Palouse CCL Community**

**Party and review of the year's progress** – in person at our next scheduled meeting time, Nov 17, 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

### **Communication Exercise: Practice telling a story about someone impacted by climate**

In pairs or threesomes:

Think of a story about someone you know who has been impacted by climate change recently. For example, you could talk about a friend in California who experienced heat above 110 degrees. Or a relative who's been impacted by fall hurricanes.\* Conclude with a positive note about advocating more climate solutions to Congress.

\*If your partner's story makes an impression on you, urge them to write it down and submit it in an LTE.

### **Continuing Individual Actions**

- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker: Live 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Nov. 17, 5:30-7pm, 1912 Center Fiske Room, 412 E.3rd St., Moscow, and Zoom

### **Zoom joining info**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87443904465?pwd=YTdtanpwT3ZmVGJTL1R6d085VUFaQT09>

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