

MINUTES Dec. 15, 2022, 5:30-7:00 pm
Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse
Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave., Pullman or via Zoom (info below)

Present: David Muise, Kathy Dawes, Judy Meuth, Amelie Schmolke, Margaret Davis, Jessica Striffler, Marilyn Von Seggern, Paul Spencer, Mason Burns, Clare Peine, Bill Engels, Mary DuPree, Simon Smith, Mac Cantrell, Dominic Heidenreich, Bill Voxman, Trish Hartzell, Gabby Hannen, Pete Haug, Lily Premo, Louise Stonington (Seattle-based WA State Coordinator).

Announcements

- CCL--P social gatherings: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- Ask friends and family to donate for the holidays to CCL citizensclimate.org/give . Goal: 1.5 million, now past halfway mark.

Celebrate our activism in 2022 – National to Local (Judy)

- Critical negotiations between key lawmakers would not have taken place if we hadn't been doing our work in Congress all these years and in particular over the last 18 months. The Inflation Reduction Act will have an enormous, positive impact on the US approach to climate change.
- Locally we've been involved in important climate action steps by both the Moscow and Pullman city governments.
- Our 2022 actions by the numbers:
 - Media: Op-Eds > 10. Articles > 5. LTEs > 28, Radio appearance 1,
 - Constituent contacts with members of Congress > 117,
 - Meetings with members of Congress > 6 (including 1 town hall)
 - Chapter Development > 73 events/actions
 - Grasstops outreach > 21 events/actions
 - Grassroots outreach > 36 events/actions, including 2 parades

International Conference Dec 3-4

- **YouTube recordings**— https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-d_-l2lipag&list=PLXjILMNokmN6_wkf6kZTXFOT01DTJhM1T
- **Feedback from our local attendees**
 - Several members described sessions they attended. Talk given by woman in Madison, WI about local efforts with electrification and other climate action was very good as was the Electrify America talk. There was a link to what you can do and what money you'll get back (e.g. tax rebates for buying EVs) because of the IRA. Also discussed was the importance of the permitting process related to expansion of transmission lines for electrification efforts. We must work on legislators to address the currently very slow interstate permitting process. Building out transmission lines is critical to 40% emissions reduction by 2030.
 - A quote from one of Pete Haug's op-eds was read at the virtual conference and our Palouse chapter was mentioned!

Getting ready for an exciting and productive 2023 (CCL's Policy Agenda Priorities for 2023 (Mary)

<https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/495>

- Carbon Pricing and Carbon Border Adjustments

- Clean Energy Permitting Reform
- Building Electrification and Efficiency
- Healthy Forests

Discussion - Which of these priorities could be the most impactful for our region and how can we advocate for them? (See Take Action Worksheet at end of this agenda) Ensuing discussion established Healthy Forests and Building Electrification and Efficiency as priorities for the Palouse CCL. “Carbon Cashback” (Carbon Pricing and Carbon Border Adjustments) will be a focus for tabling. The following action groups were formed.

Building Electrification and Efficiency

Mac and Mary - Co-Leads

Trish
 Bill E.
 Mason
 Paul
 Gabby

Healthy Forests

Trish - Lead
 Pete
 Clare
 Kathy
 Bill E.
 Bill V.
 Lily

Carbon Cashback

Simon and Margaret – Co-Leads

Palouse CCL Presentations: CCL has received requests for presentations about how to deal with climate anxiety.

- Elementary School Team (Nancy Nelson)
- Middle-High School Team
- University and Community Civic Groups Team

Nancy will lead the elementary school team. Other groups can meet together about high school and university presentations. Both Mary and Judy own copies of “Field Guide to Climate Anxiety” by Dr. Sarah J. Ray that they are willing to lend.

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Activities

- CCL Social (aka Party!) - Nov. 17 - Simon
- Pullman City Council – Judy We sent invitation to apply for new Environmental Resilience Commission; invitation went to all who indicated on the Pullman Climate Change Survey that they were interested in more climate action info/involvement and to some other Pullman residents.
- Moscow CAP and Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) – Mary: Nothing new
- Member of Congress liaisons: Mac and Judy:
 - Amelie, Judy, Kynan and Clare met with staff of Rep. McMorris Rogers. Permitting reform was discussed. Her policy agenda is to use all types of energy sources. The ask was that she support

the Growing Climate Solutions Act. The meeting went well in general.

- Mac: it's been hard getting a meeting with Sen. Crapo's office. Should be doing it late in January.
- Media—Publications – Judy. There were 5 pubs in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News in December. Contacts: Pete (print), Joe Pallen (website)
- Social Media – Margaret. maddvm101@gmail.com Sadly, our excellent intern Maggie has graduated. Her replacement is being advertised for with help of Marilyn.
- Potential new effort: Bill V. asked how might we engage more people in rural communities? Bill suggested we have conversations (mainly listening) with people who might be invited by local bar owners. Kathy mentioned that Braver Angels has a recent recording of a similar conversation; she will send a link to the recording.

Communications Exercise: In pairs, we practiced the exercise below.

Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker: Marcelo Mena on methane reduction this month. Live 2nd Sat. of each month or videos and podcasts of current and past speakers are at https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/426?_ga=2.197942575.1438046020.1618256436-2089400949.1565803294#heading_0
- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send information for social media posts to Margaret (maddvm101@gmail.com)
- Sign up to write an LTE

Next meeting is January 19, 5:30-7 at Moscow's 1912 Center Fiske Room (412 E. 34d St.)

COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE - Practice leading with who we are by telling your story

Citizens' Climate Lobby offers every person who is worried about climate change the opportunity to make an impact beyond their personal lifestyle choices. Our education and training turns ordinary citizens into highly effective volunteer lobbyists, organizers and communicators who get meaningful climate legislation passed. An especially effective way to introduce other people to CCL is to start with your own story and the part that CCL played in making you an effective advocate for climate solutions. Let's practice.

Three moments in time - your story and the role CCL played in your journey

Describe in your own words the transition from your pre-CCL self to your current self as an effective climate solution advocate. Use the three questions below to get started telling your story.

1. What worried you about climate change before you discovered CCL? *E.g., "I didn't feel like I could make a difference," or, "I worried often about the impact of climate change on my children and grandchildren."*
2. How has joining the CCL community encouraged you to do more? *E.g., "I found an organization that helped me discover my voice," or, "I discovered that many people care about our climate as much as I do and that gives me hope, energy and a clear direction."*
3. How do you see your CCL work contributing to an effective climate movement? *E.g., "I've already seen CCL help pass some major bipartisan bills in Congress," or, "I've been able to establish a relationship*

with my member of Congress and talk to them about climate change, something I never thought was possible before joining CCL.”

For more practice with storytelling, see CCL Community’s [Telling Compelling Stories](#) training page and sign up for the live training with Citizens’ Climate Radio Host Peterson Toscano on Jan. 17th. [Details here.](#)

Dec 15 CCL Meeting Zoom joining info

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

Meeting ID: 874 4390 4465

Passcode: 944275

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Take Action Worksheet

CCL Policy _____

Who is leading the work in this policy area for your chapter?

Who else is on the team?

What is our plan to get fully up to speed on the policy?

What is our plan for setting 2023 goals and making a 2023 schedule to achieve the goals?

How might this policy help increase our local recruitment?

What local organizations are working on this issue?

How will we pull CCL’s levers to advocate for this policy?

Lobbying

Grassroots outreach (including service work that builds connections within our community)

Grasstops engagement

Media relations

Chapter and volunteer development