

Minutes Jan. 19, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm
Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse
1912 Center Fiske Room, 412 E. 3rd St., Moscow, or via Zoom (info below)

Introductions

Mary Coniff, Steve Flint, Paul Spencer, Judy Meuth, Mary DuPree, Mac Cantrell, Casey Johnson, Amelie Schmolke, and Lily Premo, Kynan Witters Hicks, Trish Hartzell, Simon Smith, Mark Hume, Bill Voxman, Bill Engels, Daniel Howell, Annette Bridges, Chris Dixon, Clare Peine, Gabby Hannen, Margaret Davis

Announcements

- CCL--P social gatherings: Every 2nd Thursday. of the month, 5:00-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- Climate Quiz; <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/12/15/opinion/how-reduce-carbon-footprint-climate-change.html>
- The leadership team (Mary, Judy, Mac, Simon, Trish, Kynan, Amelie, Marilyn and Casey) will meet once or twice a year.
- EnRoads – tool to assess effect of different climate actions. Check it out on CCL Community.
- Steve brought in the annual report from PCEI – 2022 sponsors included CCL. Good publicity for CCL.
- Pullman League of Women Voters is holding the second annual art contest for grades 3-12 in Whitman County. The theme is civics and the natural world. They are looking for judges. Submissions must be before Earth Day. Judy has contact info.
- Mason Burns' research on bringing carbon down globally: he is asking for feedback on a 4-page section on carbon pricing policy. Dan and Trish volunteered.
- **CCL conference in D.C. June 10-12 with lobby meetings on 13th**

CCL's Policy Agenda Priorities for 2023

- Carbon Pricing and Carbon Border Adjustments
 - Europe now enacting their border pricing scheme and the US Congress should be concerned. Article in The Week. Good for LTE. Mac might write on it.
- Clean Energy Permitting Reform (Mac)
 - If interested be in touch with Mac. Not grassroots because complex but grasstops and legislators.
- Building Electrification and Efficiency
- Healthy Forests

CCL Palouse Policy Priorities for 2023—Teams

1. **Carbon Pricing and Carbon Border Adjustments** - Simon and Margaret (leads)
2. **Electrification and Efficiency** – Mac and Mary (leads), Trish, Bill E., Mason, Paul, Gabby, Mark
 - a. The Community website of CCL under Resources and Training has both Introductory and Advanced Training on Electrification: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/building-electrification>
 - b. Possibilities – e.g. community solar – will be discussed...
 - c. A main topic will be how we can most efficiently disperse information about what's available
 - d. Potential cooperation with City of Moscow to incentivize people e.g. in concert with Moscow's CAWG and similarly in Pullman with the Environmental Resilience Commission.
 - e. WSU is submitting a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities in response to a call for proposals from universities to bring down their building emissions.
 - f. Trish has a list of things that people can do to bring down their emissions.
 - g. Door-to-door is one approach to distribution of information.

- h. The construction business in this area is quite backlogged, which may affect ability to make changes. Uncertainty whether this is due to lack of personnel or lack of supply. There is a major shortage of electricians.

What local organizations are working on this issue?

- i. Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) of Moscow's Sustainability Office
 - j. Palouse Conservation District
 - k. Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee
 - l. Avista
 - m. Pullman's new Environmental Resilience Commission will be interested
 - n. Moscow used to do Wisescape awards. A similar program of yard signs and decals re energy efficiency could be developed.
 - o. Kenworthy pre-movie ads.
 - p. Student groups at UI and WSU?
 - q. Mary Coniff is willing to do social media.
 - r. Potential to partner with owners/managers of the larger apartment complexes (e.g. Welcome Home).
 - s. Chambers of Commerce.
3. **Healthy Forests** — Trish (lead), Pete, Clare, Kathy, Bill E., Bill V., Lily, Chris Dixon and Annette Bridges.
- a. We are going to meet soon in person; Zoom will be an option. Trish belongs to Forest Stewards and other similar groups.
 - b. CCL action team on forest: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/healthy-forests>
 - c. Potential to work with UI forest group.
 - d. Cities' tree commissions
 - e. Nurseries
 - f. Arbor day
 - g. Washington Arbor Society
 - h. Need info from arborists re specific trees to plant and where.
 - i. Palouse Native Plant Society – Bertie Weddell's talk on native plantings will be filmed.
 - j. (White Pine) Native Plants sells trees and PBAC should be involved because some trees are thirstier than others.
 - k. Where to plant trees?
 - i. PCEI
 - ii. Land Trust
 - iii. Pullman Civic Trust
 - iv. Carol Ryrie Brink Nature Park
 - l. Conservation districts in both counties have funds for planting trees, are looking for bodies.
 - m. Some area farmers

For each of these priorities:

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 (Lobbying, Grassroots Outreach, Grasstops Outreach, Media, Volunteer Development) to advocate for this policy?

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- Palouse CCL Presentations

- Elementary School Team (Nancy Nelson and Clare Peine)
- Middle-High School Team (TBE)
- University and Community Groups Team (TBE)
- Pullman City Council – Judy
 - Judy was contacted by Francis Benjamin who asked to have CCL involved in the Three Forks River and Arts Fest May 20 to have a booth.
- Moscow CAP and Climate Action Working Group (CAWG)--Mary
- Member of Congress liaisons: (Mac, Judy) Event for MoC's In-district reps?
 - Want to set up meetings with in-district staff. There will be a meeting in Feb with the legislative director of McMorris Rodgers' staff about how biochar can contribute to soil health and sequester carbon.
 - Possibility for having Zoom lobby meeting with Sen Crapo's DC office Feb 7? Locally CCL has a good relationship with Tony Snoderly. CCL is having a live conference in June; at that time we may be lobbying Sen Crapo.
 - General CCL conference in D.C. June 10-12 will have lobby meetings set up for 13th. Our chapter can help fund if anyone is interested in attending.
- Outreach to rural communities—Bill Voxman
- Media—Publications – Judy. Contacts: Pete (print), Joe Pallen (website)
 - Pete Haug's oped: "Carbon tax – its time has come"
 - Margaret LTE "New Vocabulary"
- Social Media – Margaret. maddvm101@gmail.com - Mary Coniff has volunteered to help.
- Tabling – Simon Smith and Dan Howell

Communication Exercise—CCL's Policy Agenda

Continuing Individual Actions

- The monthly national call campaign has been replaced: CCL Climate Action Program (CAP) <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/390>.
- 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 February 16, 5:30-7 in Pullman (Location TBD)