

MINUTES May 18, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm
Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse
1912 Center, Fiske Room, 412 E. 3rd St., Moscow

Present

Mary DuPree, Simon Smith, Mac Cantrell, Trish Hartzell, Bill Engels, Marilyn Von Seggern, Karen Hanson, Margaret Davis, Daniel Howell

Values Statement: We are committed to creating a consensus for and the steps needed to achieve fair, effective, and enduring climate change policies, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan, and respectful of diverse points of view.

Announcements

- CCL--P social gatherings: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- Register for CCL's June D.C. Nat'l Conference June 10-13. Registration deadline is May 21.
- WA State CCL Conference, Sept. 22-23 (Location TBA)

Reimagine your work – Try something new

- Sign up for CCL text alerts to action <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/text-alerts/>
- Volunteer to post on social media
- Join a team working on
 - Film series
 - Building Electrification and Efficiency (BEET)
 - Forest Health
 - Carbon Price and Cash-back
 - Tabling—Latah Farmers Market, Troy (Sat.) and Potlatch (Wed.) If interested get in touch with Simon. It would be helpful to reach out to other communities.
- Write a letter to the editor
- Lobby members of Congress
- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

Moscow Pullman Daily News Column—Mary

Mary made a proposal to the Moscow-Pullman Daily News for a new monthly column and they have accepted. Sample topics could include: home weatherization, solar panels, water conservation, on-demand water heaters, induction stoves. The sample Mary gave to MPDN was about heat pumps. Other possibilities: How does the electric supply affect me, pros and cons re saving money, local resources, etc. MPDN would print real business names. The column will include a call for new topic requests from readers. The column will have a 700 word count. We can have one or different people write it, and each published column will include the author's picture and short bio. This will be in the Saturday "Slice of Life" section. We need a catchy title (suggestions included "Green Home Green Wallet", "Save Money/Planet"). Send Mary title ideas and topic ideas, including if you or someone you know has an idea/experience to write about.

Healthy Forests update--Trish

The Healthy Forests group was very active in April. On Earth Day in Pullman about 12 – 20 people worked with Pullman Parks and Rec for tree and forbs planting south of city hall on a hill with skateboard park and bike area. About 90 trees and forbs were planted. Everything was flagged. Watering plan is in place. Concern whether cones will cook the plants so Bill will ask the arborist. The week after Earth Day the Healthy Forests group and other volunteers were at the Palouse Prairie Charter School in Moscow. The school had provided materials, plants, pre-dug holes, water, mulch. The children participated in the planting. Plants are still doing well. The group may meet and start talking about fall planting; some trees are better planted in fall. Possible locations include sparse areas near new apartment developments.

Transmission Permitting Reform—Mac

Presently it takes 5-10 years to start to build a clean energy facility or large scale transmission lines because permitting takes so long. Both political parties are interested in permitting reform; the difference is in what to permit, e.g. oil pipelines vs. renewable energy. Should there eventually be a bill, CCL could have an effect on the direction of the bill. The latest CCL weekly briefing has an Infolink to a 5-minute summary of what's going on. We don't know which bill(s) we will lobby for yet, but we know it must require carbon emission reduction and must have protections for people's health. There are several recently introduced bills. President Biden considers it a top priority, so something will likely pass this congressional session. CCL members should contact their members of congress to ask them to support *clean* energy permitting reform. There is a backlog of companies waiting for approval so speeding up approval is important. See reading and training on the CCL web site. Make sure you log "my training". Idaho legislators are pushing for geothermal permitting.

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- Carbon Pricing and Cash-back – Simon Smith and Margaret Davis (leads)
- Building Electrification and Efficiency – Mac Cantrell and Mary DuPree (leads)
- Healthy Forests — Trish Hartzell (lead)
- Film screening and discussion series? (Clare and Annette).
- Presentations
 - Elem to High School Team – Nancy Nelson, Simon Smith
- Pullman City – Azdren Coma, Marilyn Von Seggern
- Moscow City – Mary DuPree
- Member of Congress liaisons – Mac Cantrell (Crapo), Judy Meuth (McMorris Rodgers)
- Tabling – Simon Smith
 - Simon and sometimes Bill E. are tabling at the Moscow and Pullman markets and others are welcome to join. The Six Americas demonstration is proving to be effective.
- Outreach to rural communities — Bill Voxman
- Publications – Judy Meuth, Pete Haug (print). Simon, Mac and Mary had LTEs published this month.
Website – Joe Pallen
- Social Media – Margaret Davis

Continuing Individual Actions

- Speak Up – Tell your members of Congress what you want
 - <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/introduce-yourself/>
- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker 3rd Saturday of the month on Community)
- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>

- Send social media info to Margaret Davis
- Sign up to write an LTE

Open Discussion

What actions will you undertake this next month?

Next meeting is June 15 at the Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus, Pullman

May 18 CCL Meeting Zoom joining info

Time: May 18, 2023 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85185476720?pwd=eUpvTUxITFIMSFFBZjZLWlVZNGt3UT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8547 6720

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