

**Minutes August 17, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm  
Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse**

Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave., Pullman or via Zoom (info below)

**Present:** Bill Engels, Trish Hartzell, Mason Hines, Daniel Howell, Gary Jewell, Ed Lewis, Shirley Luckhart, Judy Meuth, Clare Peine, Simon Smith, Paul Spencer, Marilyn Von Seggern (Recorder), Bill Voxman, Kynan Witters Hicks

**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**

- Lentil Fest Parade –Sat, Aug 19, 12 noon, meet at 11:30 am just north of Neill Public Library, Pullman.
- Bob Inglis, RepublicEn founder, WSU Foley Institute, Sept. 28, 12pm, Bryan Hall 308. Brainstormed about good contacts for Bob while he is here.
- CCL-P social gatherings: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- WA State CCL Conference, Sept. 22-23, North Bend WA; Idahoans welcome. CCL-P can help with trip expenses.
- CCL Virtual Conference, Nov. 4-5 – Save the date
- Retirement funds with low fossil fuel investments – Bill Engels asked if the group knew of any investment funds of this nature. He checks a site called fossilfreefunds.org.

**Film and discussion series** - Clare and Annette are working on this initiative along with Mary and Judy. They are looking for a host location and for sponsors. Kynan volunteered to help view potential films to show.

**Action alert – Tell your MOC to support the Increased Technical Services Provider Access Act**

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/increased-tsp-access-act/> Daniel explained the act and its aims. The URL can be used to easily send a message to MOCs to support the act. It is a bipartisan bill. Daniel also talked about Prove It Act (S. 1863), establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) or carbon tariff on goods imported to the U.S. and the goods' carbon intensity.

**Town Hall How-to's**—Judy reviewed important points about attending the town hall of an MOC. August is a recess month so many MOCs are in their home districts and scheduling meetings with constituents. The CCL Community site has more information on town halls at <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/264> .

**Growing and diversifying our group**—Following on the national CCL Inclusion Conference, Judy asked if locally we would want to make 'inclusion' an initiative in terms of being a welcoming group and reaching out to other groups in our area. Many possibilities were mentioned for contacts and ways to find out if organizations would be interested in working with CCL-P. This discussion will continue at upcoming meetings.

**Ongoing Palouse CCL Actions and Reports**

- July Picnic for CCL and Allies—15-20 people attended
- Pullman City – Azdren Coma
- Moscow City – Mary DuPree had reported that the Sustainable Environment Commission is beginning to work on implementing the Climate Action Plan.
- Lobbying – Judy
  - Member of Congress liaisons – Mac Cantrell (Crapo), Judy Meuth (McMorris Rodgers)

- WA State Legislators campaign—the Washington State CCL wants chapters to begin talking with state legislators. Judy, Mason, and Marilyn met in a Zoom session with Representative Joe Schmick. Discussion covered health issues and specifically the mental health concerns in agriculture. In describing CCL goals Schmick appeared interested in carbon dividends.
- Tabling – Simon Smith: Simon continues to table at the Saturday Moscow Farmer’s Market. The Tuesday afternoon Farmer’s Market at the Latah Co. Fairgrounds was mentioned as a possibility.
- Publications—many LTEs and op-eds had been published in July and August. An introductory climate column by Tina Hilding appeared in the Aug. 5, 2023 issue of the Daily News. Future pieces in the series will discuss practical and money-saving information on reducing carbon emissions.
  - Letters and Op-eds - Judy Meuth, Pete Haug
- Social Media – We need a volunteer

### **Other Reports**

- Bill V mentioned that UI along with other universities has recently gotten a \$6,000,000 grant which in large part will be used to determine what rural areas think about climate change and how they might deal with it. Can CCL find ways to take an active role in the UI project?
- Kynan mentioned the landmark Montana lawsuit which was a victory for young environmental activists who said that state officials were not doing enough to protect them from climate change.

### **Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions**

- Carbon Pricing and Cash-back – Simon Smith and Margaret Davis [maddvm101@gmail.com](mailto:maddvm101@gmail.com) (leads)
- Building Electrification and Efficiency – Mac Cantrell [m](#) and Mary DuPree (leads)
- Healthy Forests — Trish Hartzell (lead)
- Presentations
  - Elem to High School Team – Nancy Nelson , Simon Smith
- Outreach to rural communities — Bill Voxman
- Website – Joe Pallen

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month on Community)
- Log actions on CCL’s Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send out info about CCL and our activities on your social media

**Next meeting is Sept 21, 5:30-7 pm at 1912 Center, Moscow**