

Minutes Sept. 21, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm
Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse

Moscow's 1912 Center Fiske Room or via Zoom

(Zoom link, and contact info. for individuals mentioned below are at the end of this Agenda)

Attending:

Mary DuPree, Trish Hertzell, Ed Lewis, Simon Smith, Anna Russell, Skyler Sarpy, Shirley Lockhart, Annette Bridges, Nick Odberg, Bryant Scruggs, Brad Blum, Maggie Blount, Eric Oldberg, Bill Engels, Mason Burns, Jessica Dickinson, Azdren Coma, Paul Spencer, Azdren Coma, Margaret Davis, Kent Keller

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, 5-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- Downtown Pullman trees (Bill Engels)
 - There's a group organizing protests for saving downtown Pullman trees due for removal next month. They are circulating a petition which Mary and Judy will include in the follow-up email. They are holding up signs tomorrow from the Pullman library from 11:30 to 1:00 and Saturday 1 to 3. They would like to have as many people as possible. They have signs. There is a detailed article in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.
- Bob Inglis (republicEn) is a former republican NC congressman in the early 90s. Since then he has formed an organization called republicEn (<https://republicen.org/>). He is also a member of the CCLE advisory board. He will be speaking next week as part of the Foley Institute program <https://foley.wsu.edu/>.
 - Dessert/discussion – *Thurs. Sept 28, 7 pm* at Judy's. Directions will be in the follow-up email.
 - WSU Foley Institute presentation - *Thur, Sept. 28, Noon*, 308 Bryan Hall (See other climate talks at end of agenda).
- Prepare for Nov. 4-5: Virtual Conference and Lobbying on Zoom. The second day is lobbying our members of congress. Our liaisons with Sens. Crapo and McMorris-Rogers will be meeting this weekend.
 - Recruit Community Leaders (WA and ID) We've been asked to find local business if we any have ideas who would be a trusted messenger. Let Judy or Mac know.
 - Watch Party on Nov. 4?

Regenerative Farming. Eric has been no-tilling for ~22 years because of a belief in conservation agriculture: no till, diverse rotations, uncommon crops like sunflower and millet, experiments with cover crops. Support from National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs has dwindled since first signing up 18 years ago, and contract projects have become more involved and complicated. A recent enhancement (enhancements allow a producer to address additional levels of conservation beyond what the minimum conservation practice standard requires) included a full season cover crop of 7 different species seeded in June also grazing which release exudates from roots. A farmer in White Bird has a herd of goats for grazing. Goats mimic deer and elk browse better than cattle would; we have never had buffalo locally. The goats (800 goats/200 acres) have mowed it completely to ground but stuff has come back - sorghum Sudan grass esp. This approach enhances soil biology, also reducing weeds. After this cover crop will seed canola. Italian ryegrass is the most important weed. Another enhancement was to plant Spruce and Ponderosa Pines. Washington State University has a farmers' network doing podcasts on Spotify if you want more detail. Markets for millet? There is a market in Spokane for birdseed. Currently food markets for millet are all on the west side.

CCL has 4 areas of focus: carbon price and dividends, electrification/efficiency, healthy forests, and permitting reform.

Healthy Forests Team Updates (Trish)

The Conservation District pushes to plant trees on the Palouse. Plantings will take place Thursdays and Saturdays. We are looking for volunteers; could CCL host one of those days? Since the pandemic they have not been getting volunteers needed to do the planting. They provide trees. Need people with shovels and boots. October 19 – November 18. Check Mary's follow-up email. If you want to join the Healthy Forest group contact Trish Hartzell..

BEET (Building Efficiency and Electrification Team) Updates—(Kynan and Mary)

Moscow/Pullman Building Supply event tomorrow, set up at 4pm

We are working with the city and county in Moscow to promote electrification by promoting heat pumps and weatherization. We are making contractors and homeowners aware of the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). There is a 1 pager that will be passed out at the above event. We are co-sponsoring (with CAWG) a new monthly column on Saturdays in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News called "Saving Green". Sept 16th article by Kynan Hicks about heat pumps (https://dnews.com/life/saving-green-ready-to-make-the-jump-to-the-more-efficient-heat-pump/article_37087bd5-632a-5d7d-a17d-f422e5c09cc5.html).

Communications Exercise: Permitting Reform (At the end of this Agenda). The Big Wires act has just been introduced into the House. It will encourage states to connect with other states' transmission systems. This will also help protect from being on an isolating grid, e.g. which happened to Texas. CCL messages helped drive this. Call your members of congress to support this bill! See link below under "individual actions".

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- Film screening and discussion series (Clare and Annette) idea is to have 1 – 4 films in spring at Kenworthy; want to bring in variety of people, climate solutions, youth activism, and have panels. Open to ideas.
- 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)
- Presentations—Nancy Nelson, Simon Smith to schools elem through uni talking about ccl and climate anxiety.
- Pullman City – Azdren Coma.
- Moscow City Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) – Mary DuPree: We now are looking at Moscow's Climate Action Plan and taking each action and trying to find ways to achieve it. The CAP is available online on the city of Moscow web page.
- Member of Congress liaisons – Mac Cantrell (Crapo), Judy Meuth (McMorris Rodgers)
- Tabling – Simon Smith. Signatures tapering off at the Moscow Farmers' Market.
- Outreach to rural communities — Bill Voxman
- Publications – Judy Meuth, Pete Haug 2 long opinion columns in MPDN. Azdren had letter advocating for CCL. Simon has just submitted. _(print); Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- Social Media – **Open and Needed!**

Continuing Individual Actions

- Call your MoCs to act on Permitting Reform: <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/>
- 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 about CCL and our activities

Contact info. <https://cclpalouse.org>

Next meeting is Oct. 19, 5:30-7 pm, 5:30-7 at Community Congregational Church, Pullman

Sept, 21, 2023 CCL Meeting Zoom joining info

[Topic: Citizens' Climate Lobby of the Palouse](#)

Time: Sep 21, 2023 05:15 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82294098949?pwd=Um9tQjgvcGdEenlmQ0dONjY0cVlhZz09>

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[Practice explaining why Congress needs to work on permitting reform](#)

Talking points - make permitting reform a priority

1. 80% of the carbon pollution reductions in the Inflation Reduction Act rely on being able to build and connect clean energy projects. We need permitting reform to speed up the process.
2. Congress did part of what was needed earlier this year, making it easier to build clean energy projects. But there's more work to be done, especially when it comes to ensuring new transmission lines can be built in a timely and effective manner.
3. Bipartisan conversations and collaborations on permitting reform are happening — let's encourage our members of Congress to get this essential policy over the finish line!

Additional Resources

- CCL's [Benefits of clean energy permitting reform \(cclusa.org/permitting-reform\)](https://cclusa.org/permitting-reform)
- CCL Community's [Clean Energy Permitting Reform \(cclusa.org/permitting-topics\)](https://cclusa.org/permitting-topics) training topi

WSU Foley Institute Climate Series, Fall 2023 – All presentations are at noon in 308 Bryan Hall

Thursday September 28 - **Faith and climate science**, **Bob Inglis**, RepublicEn

Tuesday October 3 - **Environmental and migration crisis in the Sahel**, **El Hadj Djitteye**, Timbuktu Center for Strategic Studies on the Sahel

Thursday October 5 - **Addressing climate change one state at a time**, **Mark Stephan**, Washington State University

Thursday October 12 - **Environmental Ethics**, **Roberta Millstein**, University of California, Davis

Thursday October 19 - **Environmental politics in Western States**, **Erika Wolters**, Oregon State University

Thursday October 26 - **Climate denialism**, **Michael Goldsby**, Washington State University

Thursday November 2 - **Climate progress**, **Mark Jaccard**, Simon Fraser University

Tuesday November 7 - **Conservative climate policy**, **Sarah Hunt**, Joseph Rainey Center for Public Policy