

**Minutes Oct. 19, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm    Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse**  
Community Congregational Church, Pullman or via Zoom

**Attending:** Mac Cantrell, Bill Engels, Paul Spencer, Marilyn Von Seggern, Mary DuPree, Savanna Acosta, Anna Russell, Paul Rogers, Judy Meuth, Skyler Sarpy, Kent Keller, Kynan Witters Hicks, Trish Hartzell, Brandon Hallan, Ryan Culp, Margaret Davis

**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**

- Ryan lists a number of activities of his group: going to hold an event to have Bill Nye come to WSU in the spring. Some organizations have promised funding. Already have \$40,000 promised; need \$70,000. CCL will help to get the word out.
- CCL--P social gatherings: 2nd Thursdays, 5-7:30pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- WSU Foley Institute climate presentations this fall, Tu/Th noons <https://foley.wsu.edu/events/>
- Oct. 26, 4:30-8pm - Palouse Basin Water Summit (cities, counties, unis), SEL Event Center <https://palousebasinwatersummit.org/>.
- Nov 2 – Palouse CCL panel presentation at Pullman LWV meeting
- Nov 4-5 - Virtual CCL Conference and Nov 6-10 Lobbying. Watch party Nov 4at Mac's. Details will be in the CCL follow-up e-mail.
  - Register for conference at [cclusa.org/conference](http://cclusa.org/conference)
  - First day is keynotes. Focus is to build grassroots to build political will.
  - Sessions on Sunday are more in-depth re legislative priorities.
  - Sat 9 – 10 AM session for new people
  - Lobbying the following week. If you are interested in lobbying, lobby training is part of the conference. Mac Cantrell is liaison for Sen. Crapo and Judy Meuth is liaison for Sen. McMorris Rodgers.
- Nov 12, 11 am – CCL is invited to join climate discussion at United Church of Moscow, following a speech by Dilshani Sarathchandra who co-wrote "Inside the World of Climate Change Skeptics". She will speak on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the church.
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**Reports**

**Legislative update**

Mac - Ben Pendergrast, the CCL Vice President of Government Affairs, said that when the House comes up with a Speaker, Congress will have to fund the government and when that bill passes other bills will be addressed. Both Democrats and Republicans want permitting reform and the main ask for lobbying will be support of the Big Wires Act. This Act would require regional power grids to be able to share power with other grids. Last June's CCL lobby meetings contributed to Big Wires. 92% of new projects are wind and solar, new jobs will be rural. Pendergrast's talk is on the CCL web site at <https://community.citizensclimate.org/bulletin/2101/415>. CCL presented energy permitting reform information to the House Climate Solutions Caucus. [Video of CCL Staff Dana Nuccitelli's](#) permitting reform briefing for the CSC.

The EICDA (Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, also sometimes called the Energy Innovation Act or EIA), puts a price on carbon which will shift economy to alternative energy, make

pricing more predictable, and send money back to ordinary people. It will drop pollution levels very quickly. The EICDA has recently been reintroduced in the House.

**Bob Inglis - Foley Institute presentation and CCL discussion** – Mary. Bob Inglis said the reason he comes back here often is that Rep. McMorris Rodgers is chair of the House Energy Commerce Committee and everything goes through her. It is very important that she acts on climate change, but she won't do anything unless she gets pressure from constituents. The carbon border adjustment mechanism in the EICDA is the only thing that will have global impact (outside the US). He appreciated CCL's bipartisanship. We need conservatives. Op ed in the New York Times by Inglis: "[My Fellow Republicans: It's Time to Grow Up.](#)"

### **Idaho climate forum**

Mary - Tribes included Shoshone Bannock, Coeur d'Alene and Nez Perce. They have resources offered through the Inflation Reduction Act but can't take advantage because they need grant writers and other administrative help to negotiate the IRA.

**Healthy Forests Team Updates** – Trish. Opportunities for volunteers to help Palouse Conservation District to plant trees along the Chipman Trail. PCD will provide trees etc.; bring a shovel. The link to the Palouse Conservation District page is <https://www.palousecd.org/volunteer>. You need to sign up on GivePulse. Available shifts: Thursdays: Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, and Saturday Oct 28. Weather might be cool and sunny. Thanks to Bill, Paul, Simon, Trish and other volunteers for keeping plants alive by city hall in Pullman. Only lost 10/90 trees.

**BEET (Building Efficiency and Electrification Team) Updates** - Kynan and Mary  
Circulating 2 handouts for homeowners and for contractors

**Film Series on Climate Solutions** – Clare and Annette. Want to volunteer? Kenworthy this spring. Need to find a film on youth activism to start. Several orgs have offered monetary support. Need volunteers on this project.

### **Palouse CCL Procedure for Supporting Initiatives**

Discussion: Our local CCL chapter has no process for making a stand on certain issues like the Pullman downtown trees. Other chapters may have a process. Mary will take it to forums to find out about other groups. We'll come back to it next meeting.

**Communications Exercise:** Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

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

- Film screening and discussion series (Clare and Annette)
- 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
- Pullman City – Azdren Coma
- Moscow City – Mary DuPree
- Member of Congress liaisons – Mac Cantrell (Crapo), Judy Meuth (McMorris Rodgers)
- Tabling – Simon Smith
- Outreach to rural communities — Bill Voxman

- Publications – Judy Meuth, Pete Haug (print); Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
  - Moscow-Pullman Daily News: Pete has 3
  - Kynan had article in new series “Saving Green” on 9/16
  - Azden on climate action w CCL
  - Simon in multiple papers: “epistemology” He can share newspaper contacts.
- Social Media

### **Continuing Individual Actions**

- Ask your MOCs to support the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act and permitting reform <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/>
- 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 social media info about CCL and our activities

### **Next meeting is Nov 16, 5:30-7 pm, Moscow’s 1912 Center Fiske Room or by Zoom**

### **Communication Skills: Benefits - Energy Innovation Act**

Net Zero by 2050. This policy will deploy the single most powerful tool we have to drive down America’s carbon pollution and ensure a healthy climate. It is critical to hitting our climate targets of 50% carbon pollution reductions by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

Affordable Clean Energy. Americans shouldn’t have to live with the price shocks and rising energy prices associated with fossil fuels. This policy will drive energy innovation, giving every American community access to abundant, affordable clean energy produced right here at home.

Puts Money in Your Pocket. The money collected from the corporate polluter fee goes directly into the pockets of millions of hard-working families via a monthly carbon cashback payment. The money can be spent without restrictions, and most low and middle income Americans will come out financially ahead or break even.

Saves Lives. This policy will help improve health and save millions of American lives over the next 50 years by reducing pollution Americans breathe. Poor air quality from burning fossil fuels is responsible for as many as 1 in 10 American deaths today, and sickens thousands more.

**Additional Resources** - CCL Community’s [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](https://cclusa.org/energy-innovation-act-resources) training topics (cclusa.org/energy-innovation-act-resources)

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