

March 21 2024, 5:30-7:00 pm
Citizens' Climate Lobby – Palouse
Meeting Minutes

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: Simon Smith, Paul Spencer, Steve Flint, Judy Meuth, Mary DuPree, Mac Cantrell, Marilyn Von Seggern, Bill Voxman, Bill Engels, Becky Barnes, Azdren Coma, Kent Keller, Leonard Garrison, Shannon Scott, David Nelson, Kynan Witter Hicks, John Noel Morris, Annette Bridges, Trish Hartzell, 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

- CCL--P social gathering: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 5-7:30 pm, Trailside Taproom, 505 SE Riverview, Pullman
- International Conference – CCL International Conference & Lobby Day! June 8 – 11 in DC Scholarships are available. <https://community.citizensclimate.org/bulletin/2101/447>
- Ask your representative to reject anti-carbon tax bill: click to call [tps://community.citizensclimate.org/tools/vote-no-anti-carbon-tax-resolution#/57](https://community.citizensclimate.org/tools/vote-no-anti-carbon-tax-resolution#/57)
- Braver Angels workshop “Being Blue in a Red Environment” this Sat. 3/23, 9a -12p led by Kathy Daves: To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/being-blue-in-a-red-environment-id-state-registration-851903194387?aff=oddtcreator>
- Redesign of the CCL-P website: volunteers to look it over and make suggestions? Margaret
- Alternatives for TIAA (Bill Engels) TIAA has a poor rating for amount of fossil fuel investments. WSECU can help with rollover to Impax Global Environmental Markets Fund or another fund that has all sustainable investments. The online tool: fossilfreefunds.org. will direct you to alternatives.

At the Top of Our Local Agenda

Tabling: Earth Day and beyond: Simon will assemble a second table/materials so we can table at more events. Volunteers are listed.

- 4/19: Inland North Waste Earth Day event, East City Park, Moscow – 4-7 pm: Trish, Bill E.(?)
- 4/20: WA State Republican Convention in Spokane: Simon
- 4/20: Pizza for the Planet, Ruby St. Park, 12 pm - 4 pm – pizza boxes to biochar + prizes
Biochar demo project. (The actual process must be done in Idaho.) Just bring boxes
Culminating at 4 in a climate march. Kynan and Marilyn
- 4/21: Adam Savage of Mythbusters at WSU Beasley Coliseum-tabling 12-3 before the presentation. Azdren and Bill E.
- 4/22: UI Earth Jam at U.I. SUB—11 am -1 pm. Leonard and Bill V.
 - We need to engage UI students. We can present a fun activity at Earth Jam, for example the 6 Americas pictogram, temperature map of annual temperature that spirals out. A wheel to spin for a prize helps. Can also look for stuff on the CCL site.

The upcoming election season: what we can and cannot do as CCL representatives; who is our target audience; what are the best opportunities for reaching them; what materials are available to us?

- Advocate for climate change action: who can we talk to in particular? Can go to nonpartisan election forums. CCL page on going to a town hall meeting has suggestions for questions to ask.
- Write the candidates and attend non-partisan forums to ask questions. Their responses can then be referred to in LTE's.

- Washington District 05 seat probably has more impact than Idaho 01 seat. So Idaho CCLers can cross the border to help. Rep. Fulcher may come to town. Pay attention to those visits.
- Writing LTEs about initiatives, e.g. the Washington I-2117 initiative to repeal the Climate Commitment Act. CCL Washington is making that a focus. This has national implications, so it's important to defeat.
- In public communications, we don't want to hurt candidates we support by emphasizing their support for climate action: some voters in the district might see this as a negative.
- Promote voting – Environmental Voter Project targets environmentalists who don't vote through phone banks and postcarding, targeting swing districts in strategic states.
<https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/464>
- CCL flyer re. voting and voter registration – scan it and you can register at the site. Could have the flyer at our tables. Mary will take care of getting those fliers for our tables.
- Waving signs (e.g. There is No Planet B; Vote As if the Planet Depends on It)
- Yard signs?
- Idaho – hurdle is that student IDs no longer qualify as IDs for voting. Making sure that students have the acceptable ID is worth emphasizing at our tabling.
- Mentioned anti windmill near Kamiak campaign. Steelhead Americas which falls under a larger company Vestas American Wind Technology is proposing to install wind turbines near Kamiak Butte. This has resulted in opposition from some county residents, supported by a national anti-windmill and anti-solar organization. (Article in Spring Sierra Club Magazine.)
 - Note: There is a group that will go to local communities (e.g. in Michigan) advocating for the benefits of wind farms before they are actually proposed for an area.

Update on Carbon Fee and Cashback — Judy and Margaret

The Carbon Fee is a gradually-rising upstream fee on the carbon content of fuels at the source (well, tanker, etc.). This will create an economy wide market-driven demand for cleaner energy technologies and reduce U.S carbon emissions to zero by 2050. Starts at \$15 per metric ton of CO₂e, increases \$10 each year.

The Carbon Dividend – Allocates 100% of net revenues to the American people. This will protect people, stimulate local economies, and maintain revenue neutrality. This cashback rebate offsets cost increases for most Americans. Equal rebate share to adults with SSN or TIN, half share to minors. Administered by Treasury. Administration costs not to exceed 2%. One-month advance payment.

Border Carbon Adjustment – Imported fossil fuels and carbon intensive goods pay an equivalent fee to similar fuels and goods produced domestically. Exported goods and fossil fuels receive refund. Ensures competitiveness of American manufacturing, eliminates incentive for companies to move manufacturing overseas. Creates economic incentive for all nations to price carbon.

The EICDA (H.R.5744) was re-introduced by Rep. Carbajal D-Cal and co-sponsored by Rep. Peters D-Cal. It's currently in three committees, 1) Ways and Means, 2) Energy and Commerce (and subcommittee Energy, Climate and Grid Security), and 3) Foreign Affairs.

Communication Exercise (see at the end of the Agenda)

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)
 - Saturday April 27, 9 AM tree planting to create a windbreak at Spillman Farm. CCL will get credit.
- Presentations—Simon Smith
- Pullman City – Azdren Coma
 - Environmental Resilience Commission is moving slowly, but they have settled on general goals of the commission and annual goals. Will be conducting survey to collect more data on concerns in Pullman, also doing education outreach, more communication between city council

and other commissions, working on and submitting revisions for Pullman city master plan, adding elements of climate change mitigation. Meets every first Friday of the month. 3 – 4 pm in main City Council room; meetings are open to the public

- 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
- Social Media – Giselle Zuniga

Continuing Individual Actions

- [Write your MoCs to act on the Prove It Act: cclusa.org/proveit](#)
- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker 3rd Saturday of the month on CCL Community
- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send photos and info about CCL and our activities to Margaret Davis and Giselle Zuniga

Next meeting is April 18, 5:30-7 at Community Congregational Church, Pullman

COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE

We'll need all hands on deck to hit our March national goal of 10,000 messages to Congress about the PROVE IT Act.

The PROVE IT Act:

1. Was passed out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in January on a bipartisan vote of 14-5. Phone calls from CCL volunteers helped make this happen. We're hopeful that a House companion bill will be introduced soon.
2. Directs the Department of Energy to create a system for carbon intensity data collection and reporting from U.S. industry and certain other countries for specific manufactured goods.
3. Is not a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), but it's necessary because *other* countries already have CBAMs. We need to be clear about our own data so we can negotiate effectively and accurately with trading partners as they set carbon tariffs.
4. Builds on bipartisan momentum to do something about international emissions.
5. Furthers the conversation on carbon pricing.

Additional Resources

- CCL Community's [PROVE IT Act Primary Ask \(Leave Behind\)](#) resource
- CCL Community's [Understanding Border Carbon Adjustment Mechanisms](#) training

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